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Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator Bill Lance, left, and National Public Radio reporter Arun Rath display the artist's rendering of the new Chickasaw Nation medical facility.

Chickasaw Nation featured on NPR, Nightly Business Report

Chickasaw Nation success stories are being highlighted on two national media outlets.

National Public Radio aired "A Sovereign (And Successful) Chickasaw Nation" during the second hour of its Monday, April 27 "Morning Edition" program.

This story, produced by Peabody-Award winning producer Arun Rath, features the Chickasaw Nation as an example of a successful sovereign Indian nation.

The story goes beyond the tribe's successful economic diversification efforts to illustrate how the tribe has translated that economic success into programs and services that benefit Chickasaw people.

Rath spent several days in the Chickasaw Nation. He visited tribal headquarters, the Diabetes Care Center, child care facilities, Bedré Chocolates and the hospital construction site.

"Nightly Business Report," a production of the

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Dr. Goforth Parker named to lead tribal Division of Health

ADA, Okla. - Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary of the Chickasaw tribal legislature and professor of Nursing at East Central University in Ada, has been named administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health.

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby announced Dr. Parker's selection in April. Dr. Parker was selected following a search to find a replacement for Bill Lance, Jr. Mr. Lance was named the new chief executive officer of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce in January of this year.

Dr. Parker, of Ada, has served as a professor of nursing at East Central University since 1985 and as a Chickasaw tribal legislator representing Pontotoc District since 1994. She will assume her new duties June 1.

"Dr. Parker is uniquely suited to this position because of her experience as a tribal legislator and a national leader on health care issues," said Gov. Anoatubby. "She is a time-tested leader with the determination, compassion, strength of character and commitment necessary to maintain our record of providing excellent health services to American Indians."

As an instructor and professor at East Central University since 1985, Dr. Parker has directly impacted the lives of hundreds of students. She is a widely published author who has worked extensively to provide the information nurses and educators need to render effective and culturally sensitive care to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

"I am looking forward to this incredible opportunity," Dr. Parker said. "I share Governor Anoatubby's vision of providing disease prevention and health promotion services to the Chickasaw Nation and other Native Americans. Bill Lance's many accomplishments as administrator, including the current construc-

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Public Broadcasting Service, aired a segment on its April 27 program featuring Chickasaw Nation-owned Bank2.

"Native American Entrepreneurs – Bank2" focused on the successful home mortgage operation of the bank.

Jeff Yastine, NBR correspondent, interviewed Bank2 CEO Ross Hill and Bank2 President Rod Whitson at the Oklahoma City bank.

Yastine also interviewed Chickasaw citizens doing business with Bank2.

While many lending institutions in the United States are in the midst of a mortgage crisis, Bank2 has been expanding its home mortgage operations.

Bank2 has increased lending under the Housing and Urban Development Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee program.

Bank2 has made mortgage loans in 37 states and has a remarkably low default rate of about one percent. That rate compares to a default rate of more than seven percent in the broader U.S. mortgage market.

To listen to the National Public Radio story about the Chickasaw Nation (or read the transcript) log onto the following Web address. http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=103348033

To see the Nightly Business Report story about Bank2 log on to the following Web address.- http://www.pbs.org/nbr/info/local-player.html?s=nbre07s25bcq88a

Both stories were produced and broadcast in coordination with the Public Broadcasting Service "American Experience -We Shall Remain" series.

That series includes five 90-minute programs airing on local Public Broadcasting stations nationwide. The programs are also available online. For more information about the series log on to the following Web address.

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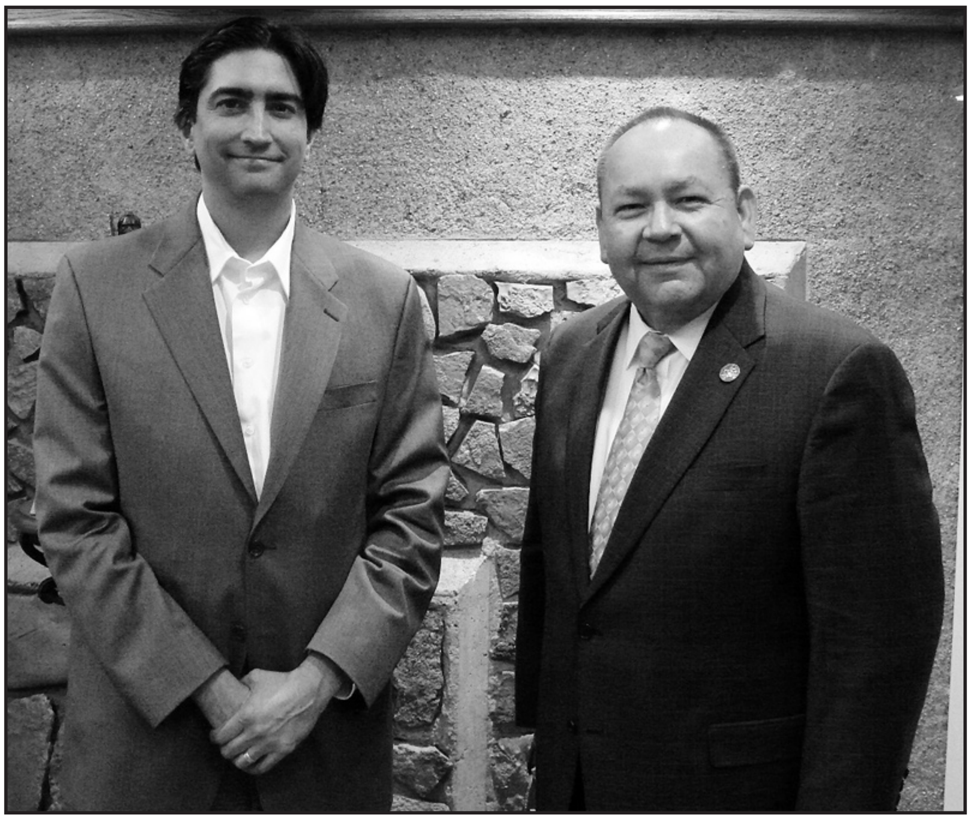

NPR reporter Arun Rath recently interviewed Governor Bill Anoatubby for a story about the success of the Chickasaw Nation.

JUDY GOFORTH PARKER

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tion of the new medical center, have set the stage for continued success."

From 1999 to 2004, Dr. Parker has advised the U.S. Congress on nursing education, delivery and financing of nursing services, diversity and other issues as a member and co-chair of the National Advisory Council on Nursing Education and Practice.

In 2002, Dr. Parker helped develop ideas and approaches to improve health education as a member of the Committee on the Health Professions Education Summit, a joint committee for the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Parker has lectured extensively on diabetes in the United States, Canada and Mexico. She was elected Oklahoma area representative of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee. Her work on that committee includes grassroots efforts to improve access to quality care and making federal policy makers aware of the need to adequately fund diabetes research and treatment programs.

She has served 15 years on the Tribal Legislature, including terms as Secretary and Chairman. She has served as chair of the Land Development Committee, and as a member of several other legislative committees, including Finance, Human Resources and Education.

As a Chickasaw legislator she has worked to improve the quality of health care and education for Chickasaws and other Native Americans.

Her work supporting tribal economic development and business diversification has helped the Chickasaw Nation become one of the state's largest employers, with more than 10,000 employees.

Dr. Parker has also served as a board member of the Chickasaw Foundation and Valley View Regional Hospital Foundation, as well as vice chairman of the board of Bank2 and president of the East Central Oklahoma Blood Institute.

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With emphasis on education, our young people are soaring

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation

Inside the pages of this issue of *the Chickasaw Times* you will discover our tribe's most precious resource.

It is not gold, or treasure or riches. It is not stock certificates, or bonds or any type of financial instrument. It is not currency, or script or any sort of material good.

Our most precious resource is our children.

Inside this newspaper you will find 14 pages of photographs and information on our 2009 Chickasaw high school graduates. These young men and women have passed through their childhood and adolescence, and they will now begin their lives as important, energetic and capable adults.

These students represent not only their own individual futures, but also the future of our tribe. It is they who will determine our tribal direction and will provide guidance for fellow Chickasaws who follow their scholastic and career paths.

It is difficult to properly describe on paper the pride I have in these young people. They represent the latest generation of Chickasaw achievers and are now prepared to make a real difference for our people, and our world.

The Chickasaw Nation has made a determined effort over time to promote, support and encourage quality education and training for our young people. We understand that equipping our students with knowledge and discipline leads to fulfilling lives, happy families and a strengthened tribe.

We have seen the positive impact of these efforts, and the young graduates you will read about today are the latest in a growing Chickasaw population of scholars, thinkers and leaders.

We can now regularly point out Chickasaw students who are members of the National Honor Society; Chickasaws who have achieved National Merit Scholar status; and Chickasaws selected to receive scholarships to the country's finest institutions of higher learning.

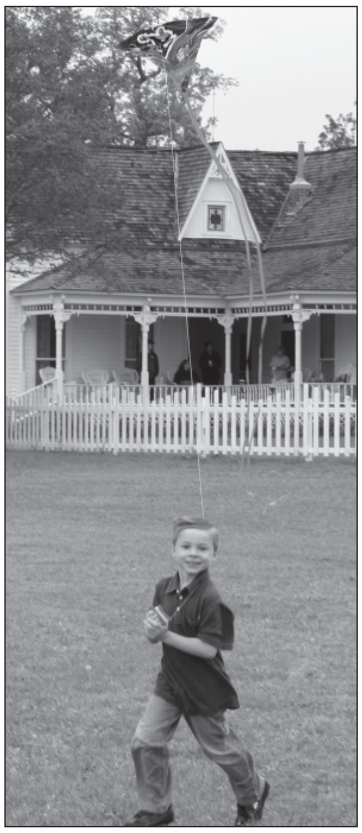
Many of our graduates have excelled in their preparatory schools as athletes, musicians, writers, artists, scientists, mathematicians and more. They have committed themselves to learning – and to excelling – in so many diverse areas of study and competition.

For all we have accomplished – and plan to accomplish – there can be no greater asset to our tribe than the graduates we honor today.

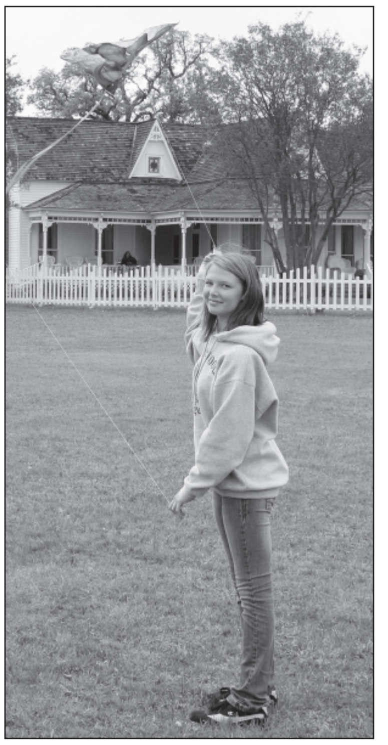
To our Chickasaw graduates we offer our prayers and our sincere best wishes as you embark on this new phase of your lives. We look forward to the great things you will achieve for yourself, your families and the Chickasaw Nation.

White House Kite Flying Day brings back fond memories

Kids take a little time out during Chickasaw White House Kite Flying Day by relaxing on the White House steps.



Memphis Gray having a fun day at the White House.



Amber Hunter flying her kite as the wind picks up.

EMET, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation hosted an old-fashioned kite-flying event in April on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw White House to celebrate the history and traditions of years past.

Many turned out to the White House kite flying festival including members of Boys and Girls Clubs, tourists, and families to celebrate with a fun filled weekend of history and kite flying.

"This was a really fun experience for my family, and we really enjoyed seeing the inside of the newly restored Chickasaw White House," said area resident Heather Oliver. "The kids were thrilled to be able to play and enjoy flying kites on beautifully landscaped lawn."

In the early 1900s when Chickasaw Governor Douglas H. Johnston lived in the White House, creating and flying kites was one of his family's favorite past times.

Kite flying was also a popular social event when the home was a meeting place for many local gatherings.

Gov. Johnston entertained many guests at the home, including government officials and dignitaries. It was also his family residence throughout his years as Chickasaw Governor.

For guests and White House staff, the site of all the children playing in the lawn and the flying kites brought to life images of what it may have looked like when Governor Johnston's family hosted events.

The newly-restored historic White House home is open for tours upon request throughout the week and is open Thursday through Saturday 10a.m to 4 p.m.

Directions to the Chickasaw White House:

Emet, Oklahoma is located southeast of Tishomingo in southeastern Oklahoma. Tishomingo can be accessed by Highway 377 from the north or south.

From downtown Tishomingo go east on State Highway OK-22/OK-78 through Milburn (7 miles). Continue on Highway 78 for approximately three miles past Milburn. Watch for cemetery sign on east (left) side of highway, turn west (right) at the cemetery sign on Mansion Rd. and go approximately one-half mile. The White House is on the north (right) side of the road, 6379 East Mansion Rd.

For information about the Chickasaw White House and events contact Glenda Galvan at the Chickasaw Nation, (580) 235-7343 or (580) 332-8685.

CONTRIBUTED BY Jeremy Oliver, tribal media relations.

Lighthorse, pharmacies ally to hold down meth production

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) and pharmacies across Oklahoma have partnered to launch a statewide awareness campaign to curb the epidemic of methamphetamine.

A major component of the campaign is the placement of placards at pharmacy counters alerting customers that all pseudoephedrine sales are tracked and monitored electronically by OBN, Lighthorse Police and the pharmacy.

Pseudoephedrine is the key ingredient in the manufacturing of meth.

A hotline number to report any information about methamphetamine is also provided on the placards.

"The primary goal of the placards is to raise awareness and get the tip line number out there so people who have information can report it," said Jason O'Neal, Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Chief.

A federal grant, secured by OBN and Lighthorse, are funding the placards.

The program also provides pseudoephedrine sales activity on-line for law enforcement. Oklahoma is the only state in the nation to monitor the sales electronically.

Oklahoma law allows purchases of no more than nine grams per month of pseudoephedrine, a decongestant that is a common ingredient in cold medications.

The buyer must display a driver's license, a military ID or passport. The electronic monitoring prevents "smurfing" - attempts to make multiple purchases, said Chief O'Neal.

Electronic tracking also saves officers time.

"Agents used to go out and manually retrieve the data, and now it's all on line to check," said Chief O'Neal.

The federal "meth" grant also funds two intelligence analyst positions at Lighthorse Police Department.

"They take the information and make sense of it," said O'Neal.

Several anti-methamphetamine commercials are planned as a part of the awareness campaign.

The television and radio spots will be produced by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Communications Multimedia Department and air throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

Grant funds also provided a new crime-fighting tool - computer software that links information together and makes possible connections in any crime case, from drugs to burglary and assault.

Telephone numbers, addresses and other information from crime reports are logged into the computer and the software "connects the dots."

A printed flow chart provides a visual aid tool for officers and investigators.

"It is also used for court cases to show connections," Chief O'Neal said.

A long-term goal is to share information with other agencies to solve crimes.

"We could generate some incredible leads based on sharing information."

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal presents Amelda McCortney, owner of McCortney's Family Pharmacy in Ada, a placard which alerts customers that all pseudoephedrine sales are reported to authorities. The placards were purchased through a federal grant as a part of methamphetamine enforcement partnership between the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) and the Lighthorse Police Department.

Currently, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) is the only other state agency that has the same software as Lighthorse Police.

For more information about Lighthorse Police, log on to www.chickasaw.net. To report any information about methamphetamine call 1-800-522-8031.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Miss Chickasaw category expanded to age 17 to 25

Chickasaw young ladies learn the 'p's and q's' of being a Princess

ADA, Okla. - Young Chickasaw ladies learned more about the Chickasaw Nation Princess Program during the first-ever Chickasaw Nation Princess Information Fair Friday, April 17 in Ada at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center.

Eight-year-old Andrea Underwood, of Ada, visited the event to get ideas for the upcoming 2009-2010 pageant,

Andrea was first-runner up for the Little Miss Chickasaw title during the 2008-09 pageant. Her favorite pageant memory was speaking in front of a large crowd, although she did admit to being a little nervous.

Andrea aspires to be a princess because she would like to represent the Chickasaw Nation at events.

"I would like to make appearances and meet people," she said.

Andrea's mother Nicole Hill and grandmother Denise Keel attended the event with her.

Booths offered information on all aspects of the pageant including traditional dress, culture and talent suggestions. During the annual pageant, judging categories are essay, interview, traditional dress, poise, talent and random question

Officials recently expanded the age limit for the Miss Chickasaw title include young ladies age 17 to 25.

Princess categories include:

Little Miss Chickasaw	ages seven-11
Jr. Miss Chickasaw	ages 12-16
Miss Chickasaw	ages 17-25

The Chickasaw princesses have been making appearances for many years. The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of former Chickasaw Governor Overton James, was appointed the first princess.

All royalty participants are required to be residents of the Chickasaw Nation and have a minimum one-quarter Chickasaw blood quantum, submit an essay, three letters of reference from non-relatives plus a 5x7 self-portrait to be considered for the pageant.

> *"I would like to make appearances and meet people."*
>
> **Andrea Underwood**

Currently, Carla Lane, Julie Underwood, and Chelsea Wedlow serve as Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Junior Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw, respectively.

For more information, contact Toni Castleberry, princess program coordinator, at (580) 272-7710 or email toni.castleberry@chickasaw.net.

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Marcy Gray

Andrea Underwood, of Ada, visited the Chickasaw Nation princess information fair to get ideas for the upcoming princess pageant.

Issues remain, but much positive for tribe, state

Economic, social and national defense issues face the country, according to U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), but the Chickasaw Nation is a bright place in a current sea of uncertainty.

Rep. Cole, a Chickasaw citizen who represents Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District, said during an April interview that the Chickasaw Nation was strong, and that the state of Oklahoma had fared much better than most during the recent economic crisis.

"Oklahoma cannot indefinitely be an island of prosperity," Rep. Cole said, "but the state is doing very well and has accomplished a degree of insulation from the problems of the country."

"The tribe has been successful in diversifying its portfolio of businesses."

The state's economic basis, he said, had greatly diversified since the "oil bust" of 1982. During that crisis, the Oklahoma economy was heavily dependent on energy. When prices crashed, so did the local and state economy.

"Oklahoma City and Tulsa are doing very well, and Lawton is benefiting from the effects of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) actions," Rep. Cole said. "The shift of responsibilities to Fort Sill will mean 3,500 new jobs and 10,000 new people to the area."

The Fourth District stretches from far southwestern Oklahoma to the Chickasaw Nation on the east and Norman on the north.

Rep. Cole credited the Chickasaw Nation with helping create a diverse economic base, thousands of new jobs and a strong and positive tribal presence.

"Chickasaw businesses are managed very soundly," he said. "The gaming businesses have benefited as more people are staying close to home for entertainment. And the tribe has been successful in diversifying its portfolio of businesses."

The Chickasaw Nation, as with many tribes, Rep. Cole said, is truly bipartisan. U.S. Rep. Dan Boren (D-Okla.) and Rep. Cole are working together to ensure tribal sovereignty is respected and business operations are supported.

The "big four" of Oklahoma's economy today, Rep. Cole said, are energy, agriculture, defense and tribes. While the state's economic structure now ensures more resilience, he said, each must be supported and allowed to grow.

President Obama is on record as a strong supporter of tribal sovereignty. However, Rep. Cole said, the president has not been nearly as supportive of the other three key elements of Oklahoma's economy.

"In the president's 10-year plan, defense spending will be reduced from 20 percent to 14 percent of spending," he said. "That translates into a reduction of four percent of our national wealth down to three percent. Oklahoma has five defense facilities and a reduction like this will obviously have a negative impact."

Rep. Cole also said the energy and agriculture industries would be hurt under the president's plan.

"The administration is hostile to carbon-based fuels," he said. "He wants to get at the depletion allowance and intangible drilling costs. That will send producers' costs too high."

The president, he said, was not a supporter of big production farming.

"Oklahoma was number four in personal income growth in 2008."

Despite the clouds on the horizon, Rep. Cole said, the current economic status for Oklahoma is one of the best in the country.

"Oklahoma was number four in personal income growth in 2008," Rep. Cole said. "That is an exceptional number."

A very large and lingering issue, Rep. Cole said, was the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The bill would add $1 billion to Indian Health Service funding for care of Indian patients. The bill was nearly reauthorized last year, but a single issue held up approval.

"Abortion," Rep. Cole said, "is the big issue holding up reauthorization. It is such an emotional issue, and we must get this bill reauthorized."

U.S. Representative Tom Cole

Photo provided by the Office of Congressman Tom Cole.

Rep. Cole, who is pro-life, said the key was to focus on Indian health care and ensure the bill's reauthorization.

Rep. Cole said he approved of President Obama's decision to focus the military's efforts less on Iraq, more on Afghanistan. However, he said, the challenges in Afghanistan are complex.

"Afghanistan has a much more traditional culture," he said. "All the women wear burkas. There are many ethnic and tribal rivalries. The country is primitive and it is hard to travel. But we must restore order in the region."

The U.S. may be in the region "until 2020," Rep. Cole said, because of the fragmented state of the country. And, he said, the country's zeitgeist is "warrior-like."

"The enemy in Afghanistan wants to engage you head-on."

"In Iraq, our people are targeted with improvised explosive devices (IEDs)," Rep. Cole said. "The Iraq insurgents don't want any part of taking on an American marine or soldier directly. In Afghanistan, the casualties are produced by small-arms fire. The enemy in Afghanistan wants to engage you head-on. It will be tough."

CONTRIBUTED BY Tom Bolitho, editor.

Saying 'farewell' to a very special legislator

Greetings, Everyone!

I would say "What happens to the time" for the way times seems to "fly" but some of you might think it was not an original thought! It does seem to pass quickly when one is busy and we have all been busy.

I cannot write this article without a reference to a very special person. Fifteen years ago a young woman and I waited together at the Chickasaw gymnasium where votes were being counted for a legislative election and we both won. The young woman was wearing her thick black hair in a single ponytail down her back and was Dr. Judy Goforth Parker.

LINDA BRIGGS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As we visited that day I learned she had just recently earned her doctorate and had driven approximately 300 miles roundtrip to Texas Womens University in Denton, Texas (from Ada) three nights a week to do so. That was an early clue this was no ordinary person! And she most certainly is not "ordinary" but is truly extraordinary. Judy has been such a great pleasure with whom to work on projects of the Legislature and has also served on numerous health related committees and boards on both the state and national level. She has been and continues to be a very effective advocate for the prevention of diabetes and is also on the board of the local blood bank. And now, we are saying goodbye to her on the Legislature for a very special reason - she is going to be the new Administrator of the Chickasaw Health System. The whole thing! We are all so proud of her and I can wholeheartedly assure all of you that we will continue to be in good hands (her predecessor Bill Lance was great!) under her leadership. We love, admire, respect Dr. Judy Parker and wish enormous success for her in her endeavor. We will all benefit!

The new facade representing major cities of the world (as do casinos being fronted by the facade) are showing a lot of progress toward completion down at the WinStar Casinos. It is a traffic-stopping sight to see and I'm glad we don't have more wrecks out there on the interstate highway running past the casino complex. The visual impact is that one is passing through a glittering city! WinStar also has its own ambulance/health service for its patrons (averaging 6,000 to 10,000 daily) and its own fire department, complete with fire trucks. The same is true for our other large casino, Riverwind, which is located up in the "near Oklahoma City" area at Newcastle.

NOW is the time for students to be applying to attend the wonderful summer camps provided for them by our Education Division so please be doing that if you live anywhere near enough to get them to the locations.

I hope Summer is off to a great start for all of you - watch out for all those tacky summer storms! - and Great Blessings to all of you!

Linda Briggs

Our graduates prove a great investment

It is a tremendous joy to see the pictures and read about our Chickasaw high school graduates. We have 14 pages of graduates this year and each of them is headed for great things!

Seeing the graduates provides the real evidence that what our tribe in doing on the education front is working. Many of our students are high achievers who have done very well in school and are now headed to college or university. Some are going to junior college to participate in sports and prepare for a four-year school. Some are planning to attend vocational or technology school and become tradesmen.

WANDA BLACKWOOD TIPPIT SCOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Whatever their choice, I believe the tribe has had a positive impact on their lives. We get our young students started early and we get them the message loud and clear that a good education equals freedom and happiness.

The scholarships, textbook grants, computers, clothing grants and other financial aid are very important. With these resources, our students can get through college and come out with a degree that will prepare them well for the world of work.

But it is more than just the financial resources. At the Chickasaw Nation, we have made it a mindset that education is critically important. Our students come out of high school understanding that the more they achieve scholastically, the more they will achieve with their tribe and in their careers.

Generations ago, Chickasaw college graduates could be counted on both hands. Today, we have hundreds of students seeking their bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees. These students are working across many subjects, from chemistry to literature, accounting to geology. Our Chickasaw students represented a wide diversity of interests and skills.

It is so joyful to go to the Child Development Center in Ada and see all the young children learning the basics of the subjects they will one day study. It is easy to imagine these children becoming the young adults we see on the graduate pages today.

Good luck to all our graduates! Thank you for the time, effort and study you have put into making yourself better!

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

New medical center now 60% complete

Hello, and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! We finally got some rain here in the Chickasaw Nation. It was much needed by the ranchers and farmers as the ponds and wells were very dry. The rain was a ground-soaker so the flowers and trees have been blooming and we can now start our gardens.

The Health Care Committee had a very good meeting with Health System Administrator Bill Lance. It was recently announced that his successor will be Dr. Judy Goforth Parker who was in attendance in her current capacity as Secretary of the Legislature. We conveyed our appreciation to Mr. Lance for everything he has done to improve the Health System and our best wishes for his continued success in our business enterprises. Dr. Goforth Parker promised that she would continue the tradition of attending our committee meetings after she takes her new office on the first of June. We believe that Dr. Goforth Parker is a wise choice to be the Health System Administrator.

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Construction continues on our new hospital which is now 60% complete. Work also continues on the new buildings for the Legislative and Judicial Departments. Those two buildings will expand our headquarters complex to the north.

Some federal stimulus funds are available for our use in our Health System. We provide health care to a large number of Native Americans and that number will determine exactly how much stimulus aid we will receive. The Legislature recently approved improvements to be made to the Ardmore Clinic. The Nation has applied for stimulus funds to make those improvements. Application has also been made for funds to remodel the Tishomingo Clinic.

The Health System provided the following statistics: for the month of March, 2009, there were 225 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 21,437. March Emergency Room visits were 1,254. March saw 275 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 3,094 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 1,975 patients in March. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,715 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,142. The Durant Clinic saw 2,797 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 2,499 in March.

Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Programs & Services booklet a great tool

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. Since writing to you last, I've had the opportunity to visit with many of you. Times are still uncertain, but people seem to be cautiously hopeful about the future. People are coming together to help and seek help by sharing information and encouragement.

As we discussed last month, it is always good to be Chickasaw. It is especially good to be part of the Chickasaw family and community during these uncertain times. Remember, to get your copy of the 2009 Programs and Services Directory. You can get one by calling (866) 466-1481. Get yours. Read it cover to cover, and share the information with your family and friends. Every dollar saved by accessing a program can be used to supplement stretched budgets.

Now is also a great time to connect with your Chickasaw family. One of the best ways to connect with Chickasaws near you is to attend a Chickasaw Community Council. Community Councils meetings are wonderful places to meet fellow Chickasaws, share information about history, culture, programs and services and events.

The Chickasaw Times currently lists 10 organized Community Councils in Oklahoma, three in Texas, one in each of the states of California, Colorado, Kansas, and New Mexico. I know there are more than currently listed. So, check in your area for a Chickasaw Community Council. If there is not one, I encourage you to start one. Getting to know Chickasaws in your community will certainly be a blessing to all involved.

We are a better and stronger United States, Chickasaw Nation, state, and local community when we are all involved.

Respectfully,
Katie

Oklahoma Optical

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Our Lighthorse police are a great benefit

HOLLY EASTERLING

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The one thing each of us desires in our lives is security.

We want to know our families are safe from violent crime and that there are professional law enforcement officers on the job to protect us.

Since its establishment in 2004, our own Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department has provided the security tribal citizens have sought. As Gov. Anoatubby has said, our Lighthorse Police Department is "one of the most respected and proactive law enforcement agencies in the state."

I wholeheartedly agree!

Since 2004, the Lighthorse team has proved itself invaluable in providing patrol, investigation and tactical services. Dedicated to protecting the lives and property of Chickasaw citizens and the communities in which we live, the Lighthorse force now has cooperative agreement with over 30 fellow agencies. These cooperative efforts bring heightened security and law enforcement services to our communities.

You may not be aware, but our Lighthorse team has several divisions, including patrol, K9, investigation, dispatch, special weapons and tactical (SWAT) and dive team. Each division is designed to fulfill an important role in community law enforcement.

It has been my experience that the Lighthorse officers are highly trained and professional. They understand what jobs they are to fulfill, and they proceed with the confidence that comes from excellent training and real experience.

For a sovereign nation such as ours, it is imperative to have a highly effective and professional law enforcement agency. We want to maintain our law enforcement requirements within our jurisdictions, and we want to provide the security each Chickasaw seeks for his or her family and property.

Lighthorse officers are often sought out for their expertise and assistance. In 2008, several Lighthorse officers traveled to the Standing Rock Reservation and the Pine Ridge Reservation to stabilize community situations which had become threatening. For the excellent police work they did, our officers were recognized by the BIA.

I encourage you to get to know your Lighthorse officers. They are on the job to help you when you need them.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the public affairs department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

Unique program helps students adapt

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As a Tribal Legislator, I have met a variety of Chickasaw citizens. Recently the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe traveled to Norman, Oklahoma and performed for a Native American Studies Class. The Chickasaw Nation has implemented an innovative learning community for freshman students at the University of Oklahoma. The program is designed to help students successfully transition from high school to University life and learn about their Chickasaw Culture. This is accomplished through cultural events, a course in Native American Studies, providing leadership opportunities and a mentoring program. The next academic year these freshman students will serve as peer mentors for incoming freshmen. If you know any prospective freshman students attending the University of Oklahoma or have any questions please contact the learning community facilitator Brent Sykes at (405) 203-1677 or brentsykes@ou.edu

Peace and Blessings,
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Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe member Pat Cox, left, visiting with Chickasaw freshman students at the University of Oklahoma: From left, Samantha Rice, Stephanie Black, Hilary Hullinger, Stephanie Pritchett, Joe Tomas and Jennifer Taylor.

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

1005 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK
(580) 436-1007

SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

Medical center, clinic renovation ongoing

Things are going pretty well for the Chickasaw Nation right now. But that doesn't mean we should slow down on the important projects that improve the lives of Chickasaw families.

As you know, the tribe is moving right along with the new tribal medical center south of Ada. This is a monumental project designed to greatly enhance the health care services delivered to Chickasaw and other Indian people daily.

DAVID WOERZ

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We know that health care is the number one issue with citizens. It is important to all Chickasaws that health care services be very good, and that there be a wide variety of medical specialties represented. With the new medical center, our plan is to provide the very finest health care in the country.

Since the Chickasaw Nation compacted to provided health care in the Indian Health Service unit surrounding Ada, medical services have grown and improved. The tribe is committed to providing the funding required to produce the best possible outcomes for Chickasaws and other Indian patients.

From the history at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, we understand the trends in Indian health care. We understand preventive care is important, so we have dedicated resources to keeping people healthy. We know diabetes is a growing concern, so we have put into motion services that help people manage the disease and avoid the complications.

We also know our people utilize our satellite clinics more each year. I'm pleased to report our Ardmore clinic is undergoing renovation and will be better equipped to serve your needs when you visit the clinic.

Additionally, the site will receive multiple housing complexes and a new senior site.

On the business side, there is a lot of work still going on at the WinStar Casinos at Thackerville. The facility continues to be expanded and upgraded, and a new hotel is going in next to WinStar. This business has proved to be very beneficial with its location just across the Red River from Texas.

The resources produced by WinStar and the other tribal businesses are invested in important programs and services for the Chickasaw people. That's how we operate our health care and other divisions at such a high level.

As always, thank you for your interest in the Chickasaw Nation. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Court Advocate Services available

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with their legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Chickasaw Nation tribal election filing period is June 1-3, 2009

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission announces filing period opens June 1 and continues through June 3, 2009 for the 2009 General Elections.

Candidates must file in the election secretary's office, located in the Government Services building located at 2015 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Boulevard, Ada, Okla.

Candidates may file between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Seats to be filled are Legislative Seat 1 of Pontotoc District; Seat 2 of Pontotoc District; Seat 1 of Pickens District; Seat 4 of Pickens District; and Seat 1 in the Tishomingo District. Seat 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court is also up for this year's election.

Legislative candidates must be registered Chickasaw voters, residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year and of their respective district for at least six months immediately preceding the election; must remain residents of their elected district during the tenure of their office and must be at least 25 years of age. Term of office is three years. Filing fees are $500.

A judicial candidate must be a registered voter of the Chickasaw Nation; residents of the Chickasaw Nation during their tenure of office; and must be at least 30 years of age. Three-year term of office. Filing fees are $500.

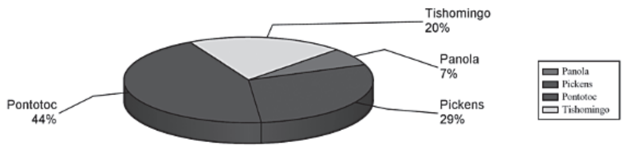
Candidates must bring verification of physical and mailing address, such as a utility bill or homestead exemption, filing fee and upon filing must complete a financial disclosure statement. Statements are also due at the end of every month during the candidate's active campaign period. Candidates will receive an electoral packet containing election rules and regulations, the Chickasaw Constitution, financial disclosure forms, biography form for *the Chickasaw Times*, and watcher form. Candidates must not have been convicted of a felony. Background checks are conducted on all candidates.

Primary election is July 28 and run-off election is August 25, if applicable.

For further assistance, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary toll free at 1-888-661-0137.

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,595	Pontotoc	10,580
Pickens	6,931	Tishomingo	4,801
			23,907



THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2009 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

June 1-3:
Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
June 5:
Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.
June 8:
Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.
June 9:
Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (***by 12 noon)***
Press release for candidates (news/media)
June 29:
Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states
July 6:
Voter registration closes.
July 7:
After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & CD's.
July 13:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
July 22:
Last day to appoint a watcher.
July 28:
2009 Primary Election (*last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)*
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
July 28:
Voter registration re-opens, *if no run-off election.*
July 31:
Recount period ends.
October 1:
Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2009 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

August 3:
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's ***(after 12:00 p.m.)***
August 10:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
August 19:
Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.
August 25:
2009 Run-Off Election (*last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)*
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens
August 28:
Recount period ends.
October 1:
Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

Lighthorse dispatcher soon to fulfill dream as patrolman

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse dispatcher Trisha Taylor will soon accept the position of Lighthorse officer.

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police dispatcher Trisha Taylor will soon trade her dispatching duties for a Lighthorse uniform, fulfilling a life-long dream to be a police officer.

Taylor, 26, has served as a Lighthorse dispatcher for about year and expects to don the Lighthorse badge later this month.

"Since I was little I wanted to be an officer. (Oklahoma Highway Patrol) troopers would come by to my dad's (welding) shop to visit, and I would look up at them and think 'wow, that's what I want to be.'"

"There is nothing else I'd rather be than a patrolman," she said.

Prior to working for Lighthorse, she spent the past few years gaining experience as a dispatcher for agencies in Garvin and Pontotoc counties.

She has also worked as a reserve sheriff's deputy and officer for more than five years. Reserve officers have the same authority as paid officers, but they volunteer their service.

As a reserve officer, Taylor has assisted with a myriad of calls, from a search and rescue operation after the Lone Grove tornado to collisions.

"I am fascinated with field work," she said.

The Sulphur, Okla., native said she was grateful for her time as a dispatcher, calling it one of the hardest jobs in law enforcement.

"Being a dispatcher is one of the most stressful jobs in the world," she said. "You are the caller's life line and you can't make a mistake. Dispatchers also take the brunt of the caller's frustration, but there are times when you can go above and beyond and really help people."

Dispatching honed her problem solving and diplomacy skills.

"No matter what is going on, you have to keep poised, stay calm, cool and collected and always stay professional."

Lighthorse dispatchers are not only responsible for their own officers, but assist many other agencies with calls, and keep Chickasaw Nation employees updated on severe weather situations.

Taylor is eagerly anticipating moving into the role of Lighthorse officer, noting when she heard the news she was selected for the force she was stunned.

"I not only get to represent myself, but the Chickasaw Nation," she said.

"It's been a long road but the journey has been worth it, I have learned so much."

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Tribal net assets increase 10% over year-end 2008

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending March 31, 2009

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $74.4 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $5.6 million for the month and $37.0 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $114.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for March totaled $75 million and $419 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $28 million for the month and $143 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $47.4 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At March 31, 2009, the tribal government funds had $115 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $14.0 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $163 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of March 31, 2009, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $957 million with $168 million in payables resulting in net assets of $789 million compared to $712 million at September 30, 2008 or an increase of $77 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2009

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	4,849,070	419,875,027	424,724,097
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		69,590,032	(69,590,032)	0
Total funds available		74,439,102	350,284,995	424,724,097
Expenditures				
General government		4,832,982		4,832,982
Legislature		880,960		880,960
Judiciary		401,242		401,242
Education		7,111,598		7,111,598
Heritage Preservation		2,602,671		2,602,671
Health		6,995,419		6,995,419
Youth and Family Services		3,910,473		3,910,473
Nutrition Programs		1,935,702		1,935,702
Regulatory		2,902,925		2,902,925
Assistance Programs		5,464,070		5,464,070
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			228,016,753	228,016,753
Other businesses' expense			74,833,181	74,833,181
Total expenditures		37,038,044	302,849,934	339,887,978
Increase in net assets		37,401,058	47,435,060	84,836,119
Beginning net assets		292,304,289	412,240,077	704,544,366
Ending net assets	$	329,705,347	459,675,138	789,380,485

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
March 31, 2009

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	115,064,892	163,719,804	278,784,696
Receivables		1,085,551	31,011,705	32,097,256
Inventory			4,811,755	4,811,755
Prepaid expenses			12,014,007	12,014,007
Other Assets			45,031,965	45,031,965
Fixed assets		214,305,292	370,849,373	585,154,665
Less payables		(750,388)	(167,763,471)	(168,513,859)
Net Assets	$	329,705,347	459,675,138	789,380,485

Dynamic Women Forum focuses on talents, experiences

Lisa John, Administrator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education, left, with the 2009 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Forum panelists. They are, from left, Dr. Traci Morris, Margaret Roach Wheeler, Beaulah Shavney and Sherry Abbott Todd. The forum was conducted April 16 at East Central University in Ada.

Mike McKee

ADA, Okla. - Dozens of students, faculty and area community members joined outstanding Chickasaw women for the 2009 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum April 16. The forum was conducted on the East Central University campus in Ada.

"This year's conference and forum went wonderfully," said moderator Lisa John, Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education

Activities included special speakers and a writer's workshop presented by Chickasaw author and Pulitzer Prize finalist Linda Hogan. An extended art show, "Art of the Chickasaw Woman," was featured in the ECU University Center.

Deanna Hartley-Kelso, Chickasaw Nation Attorney General, delivered the keynote address during the Women's Luncheon. Mrs. Hartley-Kelso shared her experiences representing the tribe at the United Nations office in Geneva, Switzerland.

"It was amazing to see so many indigenous tribes represented," she said. "I also realized how fortunate we are in the U.S. to have such a good relationship with our government."

Following the conference was the annual Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Forum. Honored panelists included Sherry Abbott Todd, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma; Dr. Traci Morris, owner of Homahota Consulting, LLC; Margaret Roach Wheeler, textile artist and designer; and Beaulah Shavney, World War II Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) veteran.

Forum topics included the Chickasaw Nation's relationship with the federal government.

Dr. Morris lives in Phoenix and has developed Homahota Consulting, LLC, an organization that offers culturally competent training for groups that work closely with Native American tribes. She said the Chickasaw Nation's governance was impressive and unique.

"I'm astounded by how the Chickasaw Nation operates and how it handles its sovereignty," she said. "I see a lot of infighting and frequent changes in leadership in other areas that aren't present here in the Chickasaw Nation."

The panelists' were also asked how their individual Chickasaw values have shaped their lives and work.

"As a Chickasaw," said Mrs. Shavney, "it's part of me that you must succeed in whatever you do."

All four panelists stressed the importance of lifelong learning. Mrs. Todd, who began law school at age 38, said that if a person needed to make a change in her life, age shouldn't be a deciding factor.

"You're going to get older anyway," she said. "You might as well reach that age doing something that you love."

She said women were nurturers and that they sometimes put others before themselves.

"You deserve to be happy," she said. "If you are happy and fulfilled, you do a better job of nurturing the ones you love."

Special sessions were presented throughout the day. The sessions included "The Impact of Professional Native Women" with Mrs. Todd and Dr. Traci Morris; "Traditional & Contemporary Native Art" with Jeannie Barbour, artist and director for The Chickasaw Press, and Mrs. Wheeler; and "Women's Health and Total Wellness" with Dr Tina Cooper, Chickasaw Nation Health System Family Practice Service Chief, and newly-appointed Chickasaw Nation Division of Health Administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker.

The event is presented annually by the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Studies program through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities in partnership with ECU. Its purpose is to salute the valuable contributions, talents and skills of the dynamic women of the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information about future Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation conferences or forums, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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After School program activities a hit with the kids

Brooke Colungo enjoys a delicious snack of fresh vegetables she learned to prepare in the Chickasaw Nation After School program. The program is offered twice a year and provides exciting activities for Chickasaw youth.

Fourth grader Bailee McCurdy, left and Dawson Lyon complete a quiz about nutrition during a recent Chickasaw Nation After School program session.

Mike McKee

A group of grade school students recently wrapped up six weeks of fun at the conclusion of the spring 2009 edition of the Chickasaw Nation After School program.

Most of the 29 students who participated in the multi-week program said they learned several new skills and made new friends.

Students who attended the program had the opportunity to learn new sports from swimming to karate. The students also learned how to make healthy afterschool snacks.

Bree Willis, a fourth grader from Washington Elementary in Ada, said she learned more about good nutrition. Her favorite weekly activity, she said, was swimming.

Bailee McCurdy, also a fourth grader, said she enjoyed learning more about martial arts.

Lauren Burden, another fourth grader, selected swimming as her favorite part of the program. Lauren participated in the After School program for the third time, and said she was looking forward to attending again this fall.

Most activities took place at the Family Life Center in Ada, but one day a week the students traveled to Lazer Zone for a game a laser tag.

The program will be offered again in Ada in the fall for youth ages eight to 13, and is open to Chickasaw students or children of Chickasaw Nation employees.

The program is sponsored by the tribal Division of Youth and Family Services.

For more information about the After School program, contact Matt Folsom at 580-272-5551 or email at matthew.folsom@chickasaw .net.

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Foster Grandparents honored for nurturing special needs kids

More than 60 Foster Grandparents from Carter, Marshall, Johnston and Murray counties were honored during the 28th Annual Delta Community Action Foster Grandparent Recognition ceremony, conducted recently at the Chickasaw Nation Culinary Arts Academy in Ardmore.
Those honored include: Dean Crabaugh, Vye Shackelford, Dorothy Childs, Rose Williams, Myrtle Williamson, Armetha Richard, Ruth Hefner, Juanita Kennedy, Lucille Scoggins, Norma Herndon, Mildred Milburn, Virginia Keener, Darlean Rankin, Cornelia Turrentine, Mildred McGee, Mary Evans, Dorothy Shumaker, Dorothy Cousins, Irma Locy, Mary McHenry, Naomi Richardson, Alice Bowen, Irene Fleming, Wanda Robertson, June Woodson, Norman Smart, Mary Alexander, Catherine Berry, Curtis Richardson, Corine Shannon, LaQuita Hall, Adell Martin, Lillie Hall, Helen Bartlett, Cleo Hampton, Charlene Trammell, Ellen Mathews, Wanda Welch, LaDoris Peterson, Georgia Douglas, James Sterling, Sue Andrews, Patsy Hook, Hulean Hoskins, Loretha Gordon, Vernell Callins, Shirley Brown, Juanita Cottrell, Othella Brown, Mary Hays, Lupe Butler, Judy Browder, and Jimmie Cottrell.

ARDMORE, Okla. - More than 60 Foster Grandparents were honored for making a difference in children's lives during the 28th Annual Delta Community Action Foster Grandparent Recognition ceremony.

The luncheon was Friday, March 27 at the Chickasaw Nation Culinary Arts Academy in Ardmore and included Foster Grandparents from Carter, Marshall, Johnston and Murray counties.

Foster Grandparents is a federal program that matches senior citizens to special needs children in the classroom.

Attendees at the luncheon spend time in Ardmore, Davis, and Sulphur Public Schools, Oklahoma School for the Deaf, and area Head Start facilities including the Chickasaw Nation, INCA and Big 5 Head Start. Some work at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Village in Kingston.

On any given school day, Foster Grandparents provide a variety of educational assistance and support for students, easing the burden of the classroom teacher.

"Our Foster Grandparents play a big role in our school. When they are gone we know it and the kids know it, it leaves a void," Ardmore Chickasaw Nation Head Start Supervisor Janice Richardson, told the group.

"You guys play a big role in the kids', the staff and my life," she said.

Chickasaw citizen Helen Bartlett has been working with children at the INCA Head Start in Mill Creek for four years and says she loves her job.

"The kids always have a story to tell or something to show you," she said. "They bring me back every year. They are the reason I look forward to going to work each day."

The Chickasaw Nation's affiliation with the Foster Grandparent program began in 1980 when Gov. Overton James implemented the program at Carter Seminary.

"It was the only Foster Grandparent site in Carter County, 15 grandparents worked in the dorm," said Dorothy Holt, Ardmore Foster Grandparent area coordinator.

Today, the Delta Community Action oversees schools in six counties, Carter, Marshall, Johnston, Murray, Stephens and Comanche.

"The grandparents get a lot out of this," said Foster Grandparent Program Director Mynan Hutto.

Those honored include: Dean Crabaugh, Vye Shackelford, (22 years), Dorothy Childs, (21 years), Rose Williams, (20 years), Myrtle Williamson, (19 years), Armetha Richard, (14 years), Ruth Hefner, (12 years), Juanita Kennedy, Lucille Scoggins (11years), Norma Herndon, Mildred Milburn, Virginia Keener, (10 years), Darlean Rankin, Cornelia Turrentine, Mildred McGee, (nine years), Mary Evans, Dorothy Shumaker, Dorothy Cousins, (eight years), Irma Locy, Mary McHenry, Naomi Richardson, Alice Bowen, Irene Fleming, Wanda Robertson, June Woodson (seven years), Norman Smart, Mary Alexander, Catherine Berry (six years), Curtis Richardson, Corine Shannon, LaQuita Hall, Adell Martin, (five years), Lillie Hall, Helen Bartlett, Cleo Hampton, Charlene Trammell, Ellen Mathews, Wanda Welch, LaDoris Peterson (four years), Georgia Douglas, James Sterling, Sue Andrews, Patsy Hook (three years), Hulean Hoskins, Loretha Gordon, Vernell Callins, Shirley Brown, Juanita Cottrell, Othella Brown, Mary Hays, Lupe Butler, Judy Browder, and Jimmie Cottrell, (one year).

New volunteers were also recognized including Peggy Purvey, Carolyn Buckley, Brenda Bell, Dora Hutchinson, Ruth Foreman, Annette Fleming, Dorothy McDuffie, Shirley Pickens, Barbara Suitor and Jim Browder.

The Foster Grandparents program is federally funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service and Foster Grandparents Senior Corps.

For more information about the Foster Grandparent program, contact Mynan Hutto or Karen Nichols, Delta Community Action executive director at 580-252-4085.

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May is National Foster Care Month...You Can Change a Lifetime!

The Chickasaw Nation Foster Care and Adoption Program, in recognition of National Foster Care Month, reminds potential foster and adoptive parents there is a continuing need for homes with loving parents.

"Please consider opening your heart and your home by becoming a Chickasaw Nation Tribal Resource Family and foster a child," said Jeanie Anderson, Chickasaw Nation Manager of Foster Care and Adoption. "Chickasaw children are waiting for families to offer them a chance for a stable home on both permanent and temporary basis."

All children deserve a safe and happy life, including the 116 Chickasaw children in tribal, state and out-of-state custody.

Many of these formerly abused or neglected children and teens will safely reunite with their parents, be cared for by relative, or be adopted by loving families, but others are less fortunate. Every year, older youth "age out" of foster care and are left to face life's challenges.

No matter their age, the program stresses that all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives.

"Currently there are 34 Tribal Resources Families providing out-of-home foster care needed for children in tribal custody and the program is truly grateful and appreciates their continued commitment, but more families are needed," said Ms. Anderson.

There are 53 cases of Chickasaw children in the custody of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. The Foster Care and Adoption Program seeks tribal homes to provide care when a relative or kinship placement is not available.

Tribal homes are needed within the Chickasaw Nation service area as well as throughout the state, especially in Oklahoma County.

To become a tribal foster care parent the following are required:

Completed background checks
Complete tribal training for foster parents
Complete home study
Be at least 21 years of age
Can be single or married
Can rent or own your home
Can live in an apartment or house
Willing to work as a team member
Be willing to love a child

For more information or to become a foster parent contact the Chickasaw Nation Foster Care and Adoption Program at (580) 272-5550 or visit their offices located at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada, Okla. in the Youth and Family Services building.

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BIRTHDAYS

Pauline Walker

Happy 90th Birthday to **"Granny" Pauline Walker**. Mrs. Walker will celebrate her 90th birthday May 7, 2009.

You are so special to all of us.

Our love and blessing for you always.

Love,

Your children and all your grandchildren.

Happy Birthday Tori

Victoria Miller

Victoria Miller celebrated her 14th birthday March 1, 2009 with family and friends at her Grandmother Marie's house at Fillmore, Okla. She had a wonderful time.

She will graduate the eighth grade from Ravia Elementary, Ravia, Okla., and will attend the Tishomingo School System.

Victoria is the daughter of Tommy and Sherie Miller.

She is the granddaughter of Marie Miller, the late Ben Miller and the late Barbara and Frank Watkins.

Love,

Dad, Mom, Paige, Julia and Nita (the family dog)

The daughters of Lynie Richardson hosted a surprise birthday party March 28 in her honor. She is pictured with her grandchildren. Lynie Richardson, sitting, holding Adrian and Cade. Samantha, Nyah and Jordan. Middle row, Winter, Brandon, Chelsea and Avery. Back row, Roudee Thirkiel and Michael.

Virginia Helen Blocker Chapman will celebrate her 91st birthday May 26, 2009.

Her parents were Claud W. Blocker and Winnie Lucille Neighbors Blocker, an original enrollee, of Sulphur, Okla.

The family moved from Sulphur to Tulsa when Virginia was two. She graduated from Clinton High School (1937 – 1938) class in Red Fork Tulsa.

Virginia was a teletype operator and worked for several different companies before retiring in 1979. She married and had three children, William Dooley, David Chapman and Kathryn Chapman. She has seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one of the way.

She is loved dearly. We all wish you a very happy birthday and many more to come.

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BIRTHS

Maclin Zike

Maclin Cleat Anukawa Zike was born Feb. 19, 2009 at 6:41 p.m. at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. He weighed 6 lbs., 9.1 oz., and measured 19.3 inches at birth.

His proud parents are Chris and Robyn Zike, of McAlester, Okla.

He is the grandson of Ron and Rhonda McCann, of Davis, Okla., Rodney and Glenda Zike, Richard Smith, and Gary and Debbie Moran, all of McAlester. He is the nephew of proud aunt Ronni McCann, of Davis, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of Irene and the late B.F. "Dick" Digby, of Davis, Cleta and the late Earl McCann, of Wynnewood, Okla., Karen and Bill Tygart of Barling, Ark., and Juanita Green, of McAlester.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Scholarship presentation

Stephen Ryan received the Pearl Carter-Scott Scholarship Award at the Wiley Post Spirit Award banquet April 3 in Oklahoma City. Chickasaw Nation special assistant Kennedy Brown presents the award for the $1,250 scholarship as Dr. Tina Cooper looks on.

Chickasaw senior honored by Indian Chamber of Commerce

Tucker Spier

A Chickasaw high school student has recently been honored by the American Indian Chamber of Commerce.

Tucker Speir, a senior at Bristow (OK) High School, was presented the Student of Excellence Award by the chamber during the April 16 luncheon in Tulsa. The award is based on a student's grade point average, moral behavior, leadership skills and participation in service to their Native American community.

Additionally, Tucker received a Student of Excellence Certificate for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement and a $50 U.S. savings bond from MidFirst Bank.

Tucker has been involved in Career Day, Vo-tech, Chickasaw Baseball Camp and Johnson-O'Malley program activities.

At his high school, Tucker has been a member of the Pirate Pride Band, jazz band, high school choir, baseball team, high school musicals, and American Legion Boys' State.

Tucker has performed with his trumpet at various veterans' events. He has attended vocational-technical school for two years studying automotive technology.

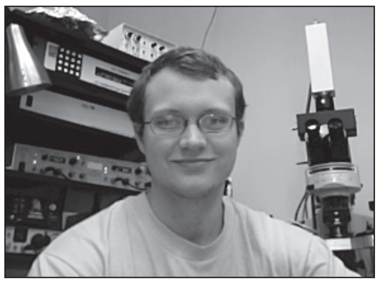
Tucker plans to work and attend college following his graduation from Bristow High School.

Tucker was nominated for the award by Johnson-O'Malley program instructor Gloria Davis. Eighty-one seniors from 42 schools across Northeastern Oklahoma were honored at the luncheon.

Tucker is the son of Lynn and Terry Speir, of Bristow.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Yale grad student receives NSF scholarship


Lucas Cheadle

A Chickasaw graduate student has recently received a prestigious science fellowship.

Lucas Cheadle, a graduate student at Yale University, received the National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship award.

Mr. Cheadle said the award was received with a great deal of responsibility.

"I felt a great deal of excitement," he said. "But it was shortly followed by the anxiety associated with performing to this new standard."

The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship is awarded based not only on the individual's abilities and accomplishments, but also his potential to contribute to the United States science and engineering enterprise. The fellowship funds up to three years of research.

Mr. Cheadle's area of interest is neuroscience. He is in Yale's Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program. He is a 2005 Smith College graduate, where he completed his bachelor's degree in neuroscience with high honors.

"I became interested in neuroscience as an adolescent," he said. "This was largely because the brain is constantly changing and rewiring itself in order to facilitate memory, learning, attention, sensory perception and other functions."

This interest took him from Vanoss (OK) High School to the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics. He is a 2001 OSSM graduate.

"Since then, I have become specifically interested in the components that allow brain cells to communicate with one another," Mr. Cheadle said.

"This is the process that allows us to form memories and learn."

After his graduate work is completed, Mr. Cheadle plans to continue research as a post-doctoral fellow. He hopes to eventually establish his own research program at a university and teach young scientists.

When not studying the processes of the brain, Mr. Cheadle enjoys playing guitar and exercising. He is the son of Robert and Darlene Cheadle, of Ada, Okla., and Cheryl Cheadle, of Glenpool, Okla.

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Chickasaw front line player signs with Hesston

Front row from left, David Uhles, Bradley Uhles and Anita Uhles. Back row from left, Dustin Galyon (Hesston Coach), Kenny McGough (Paoli Coach), Linda Crumb (Grandmother), Don Crumb (Uncle), Julie Uhles (sister), Jamie Uhles (sister).

Bradley Uhles, Paoli (OK) High School senior, signed a letter of intent April 16 accepting a basketball scholarship to Hesston (KS) Junior College.

"It's a nice campus with great people," Bradley said. "I liked the school a lot because they have an outstanding basketball program that competes against top competition. I think I will enjoy it because it's a smaller school like the high school I am coming from, so the move won't be a big adjustment."

Bradley was a four-year starter in Basketball and was elected two consecutive years to the All State Honorable Mention team, ranked as a Top Five Class B player, and selected to the All Tournament Team three years straight. Last season he led Paoli to a 13-9 record.

"Bradley is a multidimensional player and at his size and ability to shoot the ball we expect he can come in and make an immediate contribution at the three or four slot," said Dustin Galyon, Hesston Junior College Head Coach. "He has great work ethic and versatility and he's everything we look for in a recruit."

Bradley is an honor roll student with a 3.6 grade point average. He worked on the student newspaper and competed on the academic team. He also played golf and baseball throughout high school and plans on joining the Hesston Junior College golf team next year.

Bradley wants to pursue a degree in golf course management and plans on trying to make a Division One basketball program after he finishes his two years at Hesston Junior College.

Bradley is the son of Anita and David Uhles, of Maysville, Okla. He's the grandson of Linda Crumb, of Chickasha, Okla., Jim Crumb, of Ardmore, Okla., and Jackie and Bill Uhles, of Sulphur, Okla.

Hesston Junior College was founded in 1909, celebrating its centennial this year. Hesston is one of only 12 private two-year colleges in the United States and is owned by the Mennonite Church. Hesston competes in JCAA Division II region eight basketball.

CONTRIBUTED BY Jeremy Oliver, tribal media relations.

Tyler Roy proudly displays the many awards he won using the skills he learned at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

Young Chickasaw artist nets prizes at Oklahoma State Fair

A young Chickasaw artist is showcasing the skills he developed at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy with wins at the State Fair of Oklahoma.

Tyler Roy, an 11-year-old student at Northmoore Elementary School in Moore, Okla., entered a number of his art pieces in the 2008 State Fair of Oklahoma.

Tyler took first place in woodcarving for a wood-carved rifle; first place in leather crafting for a wallet; and "Best Dressed Pumpkin."

Tyler won State Fair "Best of Show" and received a large purple ribbon (rosette), a Tandy Leather $50 gift certificate and the Tandy Leather Youth Award.

Tyler also took second place in leather crafting for a phone case; and third place in woodcarving for a toy baby bed.

He placed fourth in mixed media sculpture; fifth for a wooden magazine rack; and sixth for a pencil cup holder.

Tyler also received a personal letter from Gov. Bill Anoatubby congratulating him on a job well done. Gov. Anoatubby also encouraged Tyler to continue his work in the arts.

Tyler attended the 2008 Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, as well as Hayaka Unta Camp in Davis.

Tyler is the son of Bruce and Bobbie Hill.

His grandmother is Judy Ross, and he is the nephew of Jeannie Lentz and Donna Ross.

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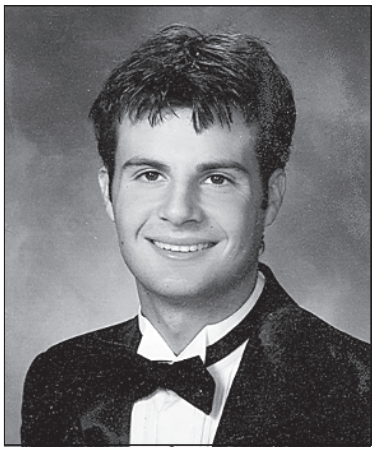

Matthew Cox

Matthew Cox receives 'BMOC' award at OU

NORMAN, Okla. - A Chickasaw student has recently been recognized by the University of Oklahoma.

Matthew Cox, an OU junior, received the "Big Man On Campus" award during a recent campus awards ceremony.

Matthew is a 2006 graduate of Duncan (OK) High School.

He is the son of Tim and Traci Cox, of Duncan. His grandmother is Artellta Savage Hazen, of Duncan.

He is the great-great-nephew of the late Pearl Carter Scott.

Ana Cunneutubby

Cunneutubby takes district wrestling title

A Chickasaw wrestler recently won the championship in girls' district wrestling.

Ana Kay Cunneutubby won the 165-lb. division in District 2 5A.

Ana is a varsity wrestler and a senior at Lubbock (TX) High School. She is the daughter of Ricky and Alma Cunningtubby, of Lubbock.

Masheli Billy

Masheli Billy wins state talent competition

Masheli Billy recently won the state talent competition for teen individuals of the Pentecostal Churches in Oklahoma. The event was hosted by Light House Worship Center in Purcell, Okla. Masheli will now represent the State at the national competition in June in Joplin, Missouri.

He also recently performed in the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

Masheli is the son of Phillip and Lisa Johson-Billy, and grandson of Frank Johnson. His great-grandparents are the late Homer and Evelyn Ward Johnson.

Brianne McCool

Third grader honored with 'Reflections' award

A Chickasaw third grader recently received an award in visual arts.

Brianne McCool, who attends Kingsgate Elementary School in Oklahoma City, was presented the 2008-2009 Reflections Award in Visual Arts during the annual Reflections Award assembly program.

Brianne is the daughter of Lindsay McCool, Oklahoma City. Her grandparents are Wilson and Donna Norton, of Oklahoma City.

She is the great-granddaughter of Mildred Price, of Shawnee, Okla.

Masheli Billy

Gabrielle Padilla named Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City

A Chickasaw girl was selected by a distinguished panel of Native American notables as *Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City 2009-2010* during the annual competition sponsored by Changing Winds Cultural Society. The selection process involves letters of recommendations, personal interviews, traditional talent, and tribal attire for young girls in three age groups. A spectacular gala event was conducted on the campus of Destiny Center in Del City on Friday evening, March 27.

Gabrielle Aja Padilla, of Bethany, Okla., is eight years old and in the third grade with home school studies. She is an enrolled citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, and has cultural heritage traditions with the San Felipe Pueblo and Navajo tribes. She and her family attend Bethany First Church of the Nazarene where Gabrielle participates in Children's Choir, Caravans, Bible Quiz Team, and performs in drama presentations for the church.

In her spare time she loves ceramics, and creating artworks in various mediums and applications. She is very adept at surfing the web, downloading information and images for her projects in Photo Shop. And above all she enjoys playing and watching movies on DVDs with her little brothers.

Gabrielle is the daughter of Fernando Padilla, Jr. (San Felipe Pueblo/Navajo) and Stefani Adcock Boyle Padilla (Chickasaw), granddaughter of Marie D. Setalla (Navajo Nation), the late Fernando Padilla, Sr. (San Felipe Pueblo) and the late Alberta J. Adcock (Chickasaw). Her Poppa and Grammy, Richard and Shirley Boyle of Sky Valley, Georgia, are extremely proud of their granddaughter as well. She is the great-granddaughter of original Chickasaw enrollee Inez Thompson.

During the competition presentations Gabrielle won the trophy for Best Tribal Greeting in her age group. For her introduction greeting she spoke Chickasaw with translation into English for the non-Chickasaws in the audience. For this, Gabrielle wishes to thank Chickasaw Language Specialist Joann Ellis for her assistance and materials.

Gabrielle also placed first for Best Tribal Dress Description in the Little Miss category. Gabrielle proudly shared her multicultural heritage(s) with the judges and audience by wearing a traditional Pueblo dress, handed down from her sister Sara Padilla, for this part of the competition.

Thank you to Elizabeth Padilla for technical advice and assistance. Gabrielle was cheered on by her parents, sister, Elizabeth Padilla, brothers Raphael and Emmanuel, her nephew Angel, and many special friends and acquaintances.

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Karissa Wynne

Karissa Wynne a top Grady County reader

A Chickasaw elementary student has recently been recognized as a top reader.

Karissa Wynne, a second-grader at Bridge Creek (OK) Elementary School, was recognized as one of the top readers in Grady County on April 21. Karissa received the honor from the Grady County Reading Council.

Karissa received a certificate and met authors Bill and Carol Wallace at the ceremony.

In addition to being a top reader, Karissa is a Chickasaw Honor Student. She is also active in gymnastics and plays soccer.

Karissa is the daughter of Jimmy and Jennifer Wynne, of Bridge Creek. She has a brother and sister, Jimmy and Vivien. Karissa's niece is Natalie Wynne.

Her grandparents are Jimmy and Billie Wynne, of Stratford, Okla., and Olivia and Jesse Cancino, of Fort Worth, Texas.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Mac Kenzie Kozak

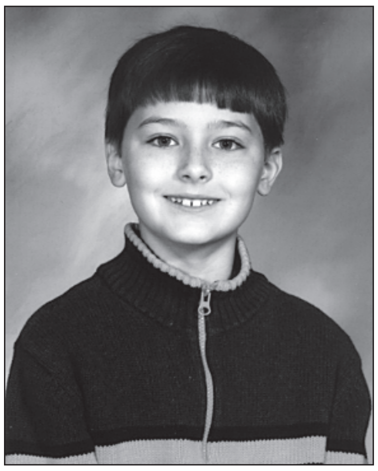
Mac Kenzier Kozak competing in pageant

A Chickasaw girl will compete in the state finals of the National American Miss Oklahoma Pageant. The event will be June 5 and 6 in Tulsa.

Mac Kenzie Kozak is an eight-year-old home school student from Mead, Okla. Her favorite subjects are Bible, English and Physical Education. She participates in baton, dance and swimming.

Mac Kenzie is the daughter of Ken and Suzy Kozak, of Mead. She has a brother, Josiah, and a sister, Sasha.

She is the granddaughter of Doris Smith, of Missouri; Dr. and Marilyn Smith, of Marietta, Okla.; and Donald and Maria Kozak, of Ohio.



Caleb Smith

Chickasaw student excels in Latin competition

A Chickasaw elementary student has recently placed in a Chicago Public Schools Latin competition.

Ten-year-old Caleb Matthew Smith is a fourth grader at Ray School in Hyde Park, Ill. Caleb competed in the Chicago Public Schools Latin Olympics on March 21. The competition was for grades four through six and marked the 21st year of the program.

The competition was conducted at the University of Chicago.

Caleb placed fifth in the Latin derivatives contest.

Ray School offers Latin beginning in second grade. Several public schools in the Chicago area offer Latin language programs.

Caleb attends one hour of Latin instruction on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Caleb is the son of Robert Owen and Carrie Smith, of Chicago.

He is the grandson of Cynthia Nichols Smith Alexander, of Mustang, Okla., and is the great-grandson of Robert E. and Mary Lou Nichols, of Pauls Valley, Okla.

He is the great-great-grandson of Joseph B. Nichols, and the great-great-great-grandson of R.L. and Sarah Lottie Stewart Nichols, all original enrollees.

Student tops problem solving contest

Hunter Baldwin with his math coach Mrs. Blackwell display his Best Overall Score trophy and other awards he recently won.

A Chickasaw elementary student has recently won a problem solving contest.

Hunter Baldwin, a Chickasaw student from Fort Worth, Texas, received the award for Best Overall Score in the Fort Worth Independent School District 2009 Problem Solving Competition.

Hunter, who attends Daggett Montessori Elementary School, competed in the team event with a fourth-grader and two fifth-graders from the school. The team competed against 79 other math teams.

The competition categories included Zoombinis, Math for the Real World, Problem Solving, 3-D Pentominoes, Witzzle Pro and Sudoku.

Hunter is the son of Steve and Melissa Baldwin. He is the grandson of Gene and Vivian Thompson.

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Bailey Mairel

Third grader taking top wrestling tournaments

A young Chickasaw wrestler is making a big impact in tournaments in Oklahoma and other states.

Bailey Mairel, a third-grader at Allen (OK) Elementary School, has won 54 of his 57 total matches this year, 51 of those by fall. Bailey was named outstanding wrestler at the Tulsa Nationals tournament, where he won first. He also took first place at the Tulsa Cliff Keen Kick-Off and the Reno Worlds tournament.

In the Reno tournament, Bailey won all his matches with four falls in two minutes, four seconds.

Because he won the Kick-Off, Tulsa Nationals and Reno Worlds, Bailey was presented the Trinity Award.

Each of the tournaments consisted of over 2,000 wrestlers from 38 states.

Bailey trains with the Ada Cougar Wrestling Club. He is coached by Daniel Ingle and Tommy Paul. He is in Ms. Young's class at Allen Elementary, where he maintains a 3.9 grade point average.

Bailey is the son of James and Tiffinie Mairel, of Atwood, Okla.

He is the grandson of Robert and Brenda Chapman, of Atwood, Ola Mairel, of Poplar, Calif., James Mairel, of Spaulding, Okla., and the late Albert Fogata.

He is the great-grandson of Carrie Lindsey, of Atwood, and the late Virgil Lindsey; Jim Chapman, of Lindsay, Calif., and the late Edie Chapman; and the late Mateo and Lillie Fogata, of Strathmore, Calif.

Eighth grader does well in JOM art contest

Larissa Hallmark

A Chickasaw student was an art contest winner during the recent Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) Conference in Tulsa.

Larissa Hallmark, an eighth-grader at Durant (OK) Junior High School, received third place in the JOM art contest. The JOM Conference was conducted the week of March 23 at the Southern Hills Hotel in Tulsa.

Larissa is the daughter of Bryan and Lisa Hallmark, of Durant.

Bryan Webb and Jeffery R. Glass, Col. USAFR Commander 507th Air Refueling Wing

USAF Airman recognized for outstanding service

A Chickasaw Airman was recently honored for his outstanding service in Indian housing construction.

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Bryan Webb was awarded the U.S. Air Force Achievement Medal for his work on a Navajo Nation housing project.

The project, headquartered in Gallup, N.M., produced a number of 960 square-foot modular homes for Navajo citizens.

Senior Airman Webb was recognized for his role as a "multi-talented resource." He was honored for working diligently without supervision, moving easily and productively from task to task, and for his devotion to duty.

His diligence, the Air Force estimated, saved the project over 80 hours of labor and fulfilled the project mission completely and on time.

Senior Airman Webb was assigned to the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, 507th Mission Support Group, 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

He is a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma and lives in Norman, Okla., with his wife, Courtnie, and their son, Brayden.

He is the son of Anthony and Susan Webb, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Dr. Teresa Shavney 'Doctor of the Day'

Dr. Teresa Shavney, a Chickasaw citizen, recently served as "Doctor of the Day" for the Oklahoma House of Representatives and Oklahoma State Senate. She is pictured with Representative Lisa J. Billy, also a Chickasaw citizen.

Chickasaw playwright receives grant to revise 'Te Ata' musical arrangement

JudyLee Oliva

Chickasaw playwright JudyLee Oliva has received a $10,000 grant from the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian to revise the music in her award-winning play, "Te Ata."

"I want to ground the music in a more native tradition," she said.

Mrs. Oliva is one of eight recipients of the grant, which supports the artistic traditions and modern expressions of Native peoples.

"Te Ata" premiered in 2006. The play showcases the life of legendary Chickasaw storyteller and artist Te Ata Fisher.

"Once I saw the completed production, I knew that it could be enhanced by a more traditional Native American soundtrack," she said.

Originally, the play was set to the music of a full orchestra. Mrs. Oliva is currently working with renowned flutist and composer Jan Seiden to compose, perform and record new music and sound effects for "Te Ata."

"Working with JudyLee is a wonderful opportunity to create a unique soundtrack that will effectively support and illustrate Te Ata through music," Ms. Seiden, who has a collection of more than 50 flutes from various Native American tribes, said.

For Mrs. Oliva, the grant allows her to the chance further capture Te Ata's spirit and improves a project that lies very close to her heart.

"Te Ata was an incredibly remarkable woman," she said.

Mrs. Oliva has decades of experience and a Ph.D. in Theater and Drama.

"We have so much in common," she said. "I've always referred to Te Ata as my 'spirit sister'."

Mrs. Oliva stumbled upon Te Ata's story years ago and knew immediately that she had to write a play about her life.

"It was like she chose me," she said. "I started reading and knew within moments that she would be the subject of my play."

The change in music will also make touring with the production more feasible.

"It's a lot easier to travel with a recorded soundtrack, rather than a full orchestra," Mrs. Oliva said.

The revisions are set to be completed by March 2010. Mrs. Oliva then hopes to fulfill the National Museum of American Indian's open invitation to perform the play in Washington, D.C.

She and her husband, Bruce, live in Choctaw, Oklahoma.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw attorney recognized for sovereignty work

PHOENIX – A Chickasaw attorney has recently been honored for his work furthering Indian tribal sovereignty.

Jess Green, an Ada, Okla., attorney, received the Chairman's Leadership Award during the National Indian Gaming Commission annual meeting in Phoenix. The award was presented to Mr. Green during the Commission meeting's keynote luncheon April 16.

Mr. Green was recognized for his work representing Indian government in several keystone cases.

In 1997, he participated in the successful case establishing Indian electronic bingo. In two of the five major cases that shaped Indian server-based bingo gaming, he prepared briefs and argued successfully before the 10th Circuit Federal Court in Denver.

Mr. Green served as chairman of the Chickasaw Legislature in 1983. His mother, Mary Jo Green, is a current member of the tribal legislature representing Pontotoc District.

Mr. Green served as a state court judge in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma in the 1970s and 80s before entering private practice. The Green Law Firm, P.C., maintains a general law practice with concentration on Indian government issues.

Mr. Green said he was thankful to his family for preparing him to protect Indian sovereignty. Gov. Bill Anoatubby, he said, and other Indian government leaders had had a major impact in his career defending Indian governments.

Mr. Green is the son of J.L. and Mary Jo Green.

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Tressa Kirby

Georgetown Med Center names Chickasaw communications director

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Georgetown University Medical Center (GMUC) has announced the recruitment of Chickasaw, Tressa Iris Kirby, as communications manager. Ms. Kirby, 25, lives in Arlington, Va., and began her new position on March 4, 2009.

A 2005 honors graduate of Radford University, Ms. Kirby received her master's degree in Corporate and Professional Communication with the help of Chickasaw Foundation scholarships.

Prior to joining GUMC, Ms. Kirby worked with the American Diabetes Association.

Her responsibilities include handling local and national media relations for GUMC and serving as the Editor for the GUMC Update – the internal newsletter of Georgetown University.

Ms. Kirby is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Margaret Elizabeth (Durham) Kirby and the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Lottie (McLaughlin) Durham.

All Nations Bowling Tournament set for June 5-7 in OKC

The Sixth Annual All Nations Bowling Tournament is set for June 5-7 in Oklahoma City.

The tournament will be conducted at Holiday Lanes. The host hotel for the event is the Quality Inn SW.

Entry fees for singles, doubles and team events are $20 per event.

For more information, contact Lorrie Thorpe at (405) 921-9995 or bitsygirl_99@yahoo.com

WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Lauderdale, jr.

Ricky Lauderdale, Jr. and Cindy Mauldin exchanged wedding vows March 31 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The bride is the daughter of Johnny Mauldin, of Pecos, Texas, and the late Mona Mauldin. She is a graduate of Alpine (TX) High School and is majoring in accounting at the University of Texas-Permian Basin. She is employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The groom, a Chickasaw, is the son of Ruth Lauderdale, of Olney, Texas, and the late Rick Lauderdale. He is the grandson of Ed and Lorene Lauderdale, of Olney.

He is a graduate of Olney High School and is employed by Lesco Restorations, Inc.

The couple will make their home in Odessa, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Salas

Megan Marie Edelman and Daniel Jess Salas were married February 14, 2009 in Wichita, Kansas. The wedding was conducted at Minisa Park at 1 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis Edelman and Cristina Edelman. She is the granddaughter of Eugene and Lynn Stumblingbear, and Ken and the late Georgia Edelman. She is the great-grand daughter of the late Louis J. McGilbra.

The groom is the son of Felicita Wolfe and the late Michael Salas. He is the grandson of Erminia Rodriquez, and Pauline and Refugio Salas.

The Maid of Honor was Miss Shawna Pike, and the couple's daughter, Martina Salas, served as Best Woman.

The couple will reside in Wichita, Kansas.

Bloomfield/Carter Alumni meeting scheduled

The Bloomfield/Carter Alumni meeting will be 3 p.m., May 16, 2009 at the Chickasaw Nutrition Site, Ardmore, Okla. All alumni and faculty are invited to attend.

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Chickasaw student lands lead role in 'Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood'

Chickasaw citizen Joel Dameron scored the lead role in "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood," performed by the Theatre and Characters club at Murray State College.

The play was produced and performed for elementary and middle school students in the Tishomingo, Okla., area and included six performances in three days for several hundred children.

"This was my first time doing multiple performances of a play in one day. It's hard work but I am having a good time and the children have been such a great interactive audience," said Dameron, a Murray State College sophomore.

"The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood" is a loosely based interpretation of Robin Hood. Written by Mary Lynn Dobson and directed by Lisa Coulter, the play is designed for audience participation and has modern twist on the classic tale.

"I thought the funniest thing of the play was when the director cast a six-foot-four, 250-pound Indian as Robin Hood," Dameron said. "Everyone in the cast, including me, expected I would be cast as Little John, but the director thought I would make a great Robin Hood and I was happy to accept the lead role."

Dameron is pursuing a bachelor's degree in communications. He plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant next year to complete his college education.

Dameron started performing in high school plays in 2002 and has been acting ever since with plans to pursue acting after college.

"I really enjoy live theater performances as opposed to filming movies," he said. "In theater you have to do it right the first time and I like the pressure of the live action, there is no time for retakes."

While at Murray State College, Dameron has held leading roles in "Blythe Spirit," "Our Town," "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," the Murray State Centennial Theater production and has plans to return next year for a production of "Frankenstein."

Joel Dameron is the son of Joni Imotichey and John Dameron and the grandson of Jerry and Janis Imotichey.

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Joel Dameron performaning as Robin Hood.

East Central University marks centennial

Governor Bill Anoatubby addresses the gathering for the East Central University Centennial Celebration. Students, faculty and alumni gathered March 25, 2009 to mark the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Ada Normal bill, which established what would be ECU, by Oklahoma Governor Charles Haskell. Mike McKee

Governor Bill Anoatubby joined several representatives of East Central University, the city of Ada and numerous ECU students and faculty March 25, 2009 to celebrate the university's 100th year.

"The Chickasaw Nation is proud to work with East Central University," Gov. Anoatubby, an ECU alumnus, said. "We will continue to work together for the next 100 years to pursue excellence in education for southeastern Oklahoma."

Gov. Anoatubby also expressed pride in Dan Hays, a Chickasaw who saw the need of the surrounding community and, in 1909, donated land on which to build the college.

"Dan Hays not only saw the need, but he took action," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Now, as partners, the Chickasaw Nation and East Central University will continue to expand the possibilities that our forebears began."

The celebration included a "kazoo serenade" to recreate the afternoon of March 25, 1909 when word of Oklahoma Governor Charles Haskell's signing of the Ada Normal School bill reached the town. Every mill and factory steam whistle in Ada signaled the good news.

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Brittney Nicole Conway

Brittney Nicole Conway, 5, is the daughter of Jim and Linda Conway, of Frankfort, Ill. She is the granddaughter of Don and Peggy Prather, of Huffman, Texas, James and Bettie Conway, of Livingston, Texas, and Frank and Gloria Baumgartner, of Illinois.

Brittney is my pride and joy because she is so very precious and the apple of our eyes, such a special granddaughter, of that there is no doubt, the kind that lucky grandparents are proud to boast about. You're always so very happy and cute as a ladybug, you brighten up a room with the sunshine of your smile and all your love.

It is true to say you've often heard, "How dear you are", but then we just can't resist this special chance to tell you so again of how much you are loved and missed "Our little princess".

Lots of love,
Grandma Peggy and Grandpa Don

Paige Young accepts a certificate and prize from OERB Executive Director Mindy Stitt and mascot Petro Pete. Young was one of 12 winners in the OERB's sixth annual *What's the Risk?* Poster Contest to raise awareness about well site safety.

Chickasaw fourth grader a winner in well site safety poster contest

A Chickasaw elementary student has recently won a statewide poster contest

Paige Young, a fourth-grader at Latta (OK) Elementary School, was one of 12 winners in the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board's well site safety poster contest. Each contestant was asked to illustrate the dangers associated with well sites.

Over 1,500 third- through sixth-graders submitted entries in the contest.

Paige was honored on "Well Site Safety Day," April 24 at the Oklahoma state capitol. Paige was also honored with a citation presented by State. Rep. Todd Thomsen.

Paige is the daughter of Todd Young and Kellie Mullins.

Alex Lee Jarrett

Alex Lee Jarrett is the son of Daniel and Amber Jarrett.

When we gaze upon our baby boy
we're overwhelmed with love and joy;
to think that he, our little son,
is now big enough to run!
Daddy's pride and Mommy's joy,
gripping tight his favorite toy;
Noticing his smile
we stop and look at him awhile.
God blessed us with this little one;
we're forever grateful for our son!
Love,
Dad & Mom

Chickasaw allotment named wildlife habitat

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) has recently designated an original Chickasaw allotment a Certified Wildlife Habitat site.

The Lucille Kimbrough Trust land near Allen, Okla., is the original allotment of Etta McCall. The acreage met the qualifications for the habitat designation by providing food, water, cover and places to raise young, as well as employing sustainable gardening practices.

The property attracts a variety of birds, butterflies and other wildlife. The property owners, who are Chickasaw, are helping protect the local environment while providing habitat to enourage wildlife propagation.

NWF began the Wildlife Habitat certification program in 1973. The group has since certified over 110,000 habitats nationwide.

Many certified habitats are very small. The average habitat is between one-third and one-half acre. However, certified sites can vary from urban balconies to 1,000-acre parcels.

The Kimbrough Trust land is over 100 acres.

The mission of the NWF is to inspire Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future.

For more information on the Kimbrough Trust land habitat, and to gain more information on how you can prepare you land for certification, see www.nwf.org on the internet, or call NWF at (703) 438-6000.

Letters to Editor:

Dear Editor:

I attended the Native American Film and Video Festival at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in New York City March 26-29. The Festival is marking its 30th anniversary. At one of the panel discussions, I listened to Sterlin Harjo, whose first feature film, *Four Sheets to the Wind*, I had enjoyed at last year's festival. I had introduced myself to him then because I wanted him to know that someone who had graduated from Seminole High School was there to see his film in New York City. I was really excited to have the opportunity to see his second feature, *Barking Water*, as part of New Directors/New Films, a co-presentation by the Museum of Modern Art and Lincoln Center Film Society, the same weekend.

Barking Water, according to Sterlin Harjo, a Seminole/Creek, from Holdenville, Oklahoma, is a translation of the name, Wewoka, the headquarters for the Seminole Nation in Oklahoma, and it is the destination of the road trip central to his film.

Produced by Chad Burris, a member of the Chickasaw Tribe, *Barking Water* follows Frankie (Richard Ray Whitman), who is in his 60s and dying, as he is picked up by former mate, Irene (Casey Camp-Horinek), at the hospital. In an old Volvo station wagon, Irene drives Frankie across Oklahoma to visit relatives and friends for the last time. In one of their first stops, Frankie is given a suit to change into from his hospital gown. "This was Daddy's suit," the donor says. We immediately think, "He'll be buried in that," and it fits him like a second skin for the rest of the movie.

Frankie and Irene, who obviously share a lot of love in spite of their estrangement, make several stops along the way, and we meet some memorable characters. Filmmaker Harjo recognizes that you can't tie up all of life's loose ends in one road trip, but you can celebrate life and landscape and culture. At a service in an Indian church, where Frankie and Irene join in singing hymns in their native language, I was reminded of how moved I was the first time I heard a group of elders sing hymns in Chickasaw/Choctaw at the first Chickasaw Listening Conference I attended three years ago. And speaking of music, the soundtrack is altogether wonderful, featuring vocalist Samantha Crain, among others.

In a question and answer session after the screening at MOMA, Sterlin Harjo said that he wanted to tell a story about older people, partly inspired by his grandmother's feeling about not wanting to die in a hospital, and to give good roles to Indian actors. He was joined on stage by the actors who played Frankie and Irene, who said they had specialized in playing small roles as "Spirit" and "Indian on Horseback." *Barking Water* is about love and death and family and forgiveness. It is a film that should receive wide distribution, but in today's contracting market for independently produced films--even this one, which was selected for the prestigious New Directors/New Films series and the Sundance Festival--it probably won't.

Perhaps the dissemination of good Indian-made cinema is a worthy project for the Chickasaw Tribe to undertake.

Bette Craig

Dear Editor,

My name is Bobby Crow Feather; I am a proudly enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Throughout our long and proud history there have been deficits of one kind or another on our reservation.

I now live in Oklahoma, but recently was talking with people back home, and was surprised to hear of how things were so much better, in these discussions they attributed all the credit to the "borrowed tribal police."

When I heard about all of this, and then read it in *the Chickasaw Times*, I was so amazed at the kindness that was done for my people.

The elderly felt safer, the young thugs and the violence that has come to the Standing Rock and Pine Ridge Rez's was put in check. Things were looked at, mulled over, evaluated and the people are learning that things that aren't so good for our people will get them sent to jail for a while. Our youth there are learning to abstain from things that aren't in sync with our people and our values.

I cannot express my gratitude enough. Words seem to fall short when I write this.

So from the bottom of my Lakota heart, Thank you to all the officers, and all of the people who helped make this exchange happen.

Thank you,
Bobby A. Crow Feather

Students learn about weather from Chickasaw meteorologist

Ada elementary teacher Nancy Elliott, left, visits with meteorologist Dr. Suzanne VanCooten during Mrs. Elliott's class trip to the National Weather Center in Norman, Okla. Both ladies are Chickasaw citizens.

Students from Nancy Elliott's Willard Elementary class in Ada listen as Chickasaw meteorologist Dr. Suzanne VanCooten explains the workings of the National Weather Center in Norman, Okla.

So You Want to be a Meteorologist!

This challenging statement is the title of a grant submission by Ada teacher Nancy Elliott. The grant was funded by the Ada City Schools Foundation, and Mrs. Elliott's class was off to learn about meteorology from Chickasaw meteorologist Dr. Suzanne VanCooten.

Mrs. Elliott's science students boarded a bus and took the trip to Norman, Okla., to visit with Dr. VanCooten at the National Weather Center.

Dr. VanCooten is affiliated with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association's (NOAA) Severe Storms Laboratory and the University of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Elliott's students learned about the instruments used to measure and forecast weather around the world. They also learned what causes severe weather, made simple weather instruments and learned how to make weather maps on the computer.

"This was a great trip for the students, and Dr. VanCooten provided a great tour and lots of interesting information," Mrs. Elliott said. "I think she inspired the students. Hopefully, we have a future meteorologist in our class!"

Photography lessons

Mike McKee

Skylar Nucose, Mercedes Milligan, Ryan Rico and Micah Hart practice photographing their artwork during a recent meeting of the Design and Marketing Class conducted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities. The eight-week course is designed to instruct young artists on aspects of marketing and design through the creation and distribution of their artwork. This fall, the artists will launch the final product at the Annual Meeting and Festival.

'Shoot of Nations' seeks Chickasaw archers

The annual Shoot of Nations, a bow shooting event, is set for Saturday, June 27 in Tahlequah, Okla.

The event is hosted by the Cherokee Cornstalk Society. All archers from the Five Civilized Tribes are invited to attend.

The event begins at 10 a.m. and is located in Tahlequah between Sequoyah High School and the Cherokee Nation on Highway 62.

There is no fee to participate in the Shoot of Nation.

The event begins with the blessing of the bows and fire ceremony.

Traditional longbow competition will begin at 10 a.m. and will continue until a competitor has reach 50 points.

At 11:30 a.m., the youth ages 18 and under will compete until someone reaches 30 points. This event will be followed by dinner.

The recurve bow competition will follow.

Targets will be cornstalk bundles placed 100 paces apart.

There will be seasoned bow makers on hand to help attendees with questions regarding making of bows, new techniques and bow strength testing.

Participants must supply their own bows, arrows, arm guards and lawn chairs.

For more information, contact Deb Grayson at (918) 822-2260 or candythief2004@yahoo.com

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Elder's celebrate Easter

Dee Schewin from the Duncan Senior Center joins in the Easter egg hunt at the Elders Easter Celebration.

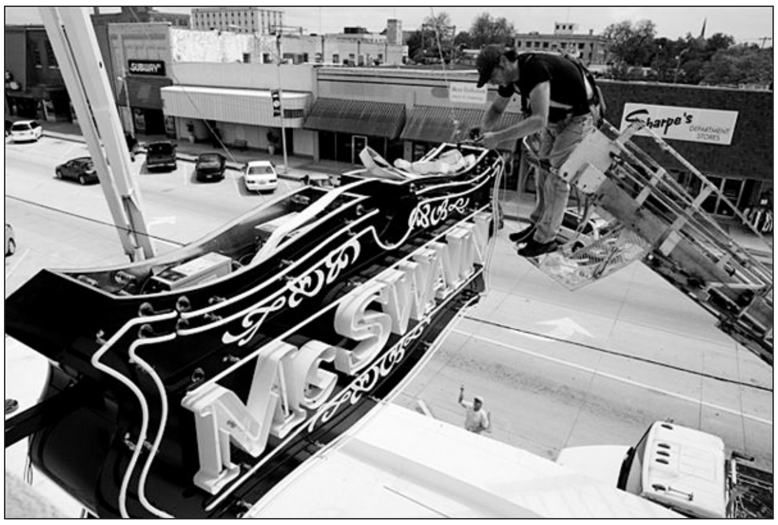
Members of various Chickasaw Nation senior centers play a round of bingo during their Easter celebration conducted earlier this month. Marcy Gray

Several Chickasaw elders look on as Mark Wallace from the Purcell senior center wins a cake at the cake walk.

Social welfare policy class

The East Central University Social Welfare Policy and Services Class and instructor Dr. Jim Burke attend the first session of the Oklahoma's 52nd Legislature Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol. Class members, including several Chickasaw citizens, are pictured with Senator Susan Paddack, center. The class also visited several other Senators and State Representatives.

McSwain progress



Mike McKee

A worker helps lower the famous "McSwain" marquee to its place above the historic Ada theater Thursday. Crews are finishing final details in preparation for the theater's grand re-opening, set later this year. Purchased by the Chickasaw Nation in 2002, the theater is undergoing extensive renovations to restore it to its original Spanish mission style architecture. The McSwain originally opened March 30, 1920.

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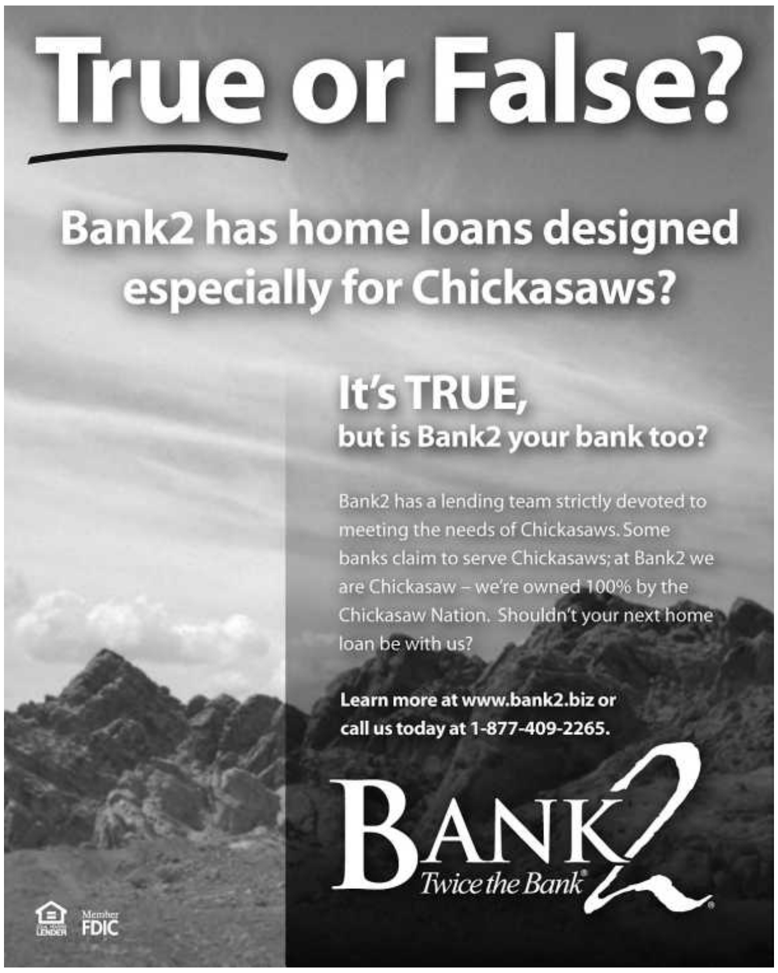

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Chickasaw elder visits Mississippi homelands on book tour

Kicking off a nationwide book tour, Chickasaw elder Robert Perry made 13 stops through the Chickasaw Homelands in Mississippi to promote his recently published book, "The Turkey Feather Cape."

Robert Perry

Mr. Perry gave presentations to numerous groups, including elementary students, college students, Boy Scout troops, libraries and adult audiences. He was also featured on a television channel 98 segment, in New Albany, Miss.

The book is made for readers and artist of all skill levels. It provides a "how-to" guide plus methods for creative problem solving when making a turkey feather cape for the first time.

"I found several of the college students were interested in the book for its historical content but also equally interested in the book for its teachings on creative problem solving and taking on a new challenge," said Mr. Perry.

The author started the book tour in Mississippi as a way of giving back to communities in which Chickasaws resided before Removal.

The tour is a way for Mr. Perry to promote his book. However, it is more about educating people across the U.S. on the Chickasaw culture, values and traditions. He plans on continuing his book tour throughout 2009.

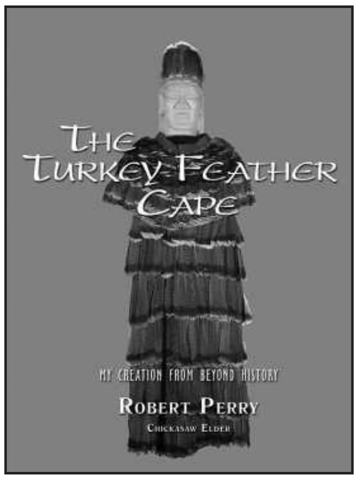
"It has taken me over 40 years to figure out the true meaning of giving back," Mr. Perry said. "Elders have an obligation to give back to the communities that helped shape their culture and the children in those communities."

The biggest thrills, Mr. Perry said, came from teaching the many children with whom he came in contact. Most of the children knew nothing or mainly false stereotypes about Indian culture. Several had no knowledge the Chickasaws once lived in what is now Mississippi.

"I met a middle school girl who was deathly afraid of Indians and was shaking when they made her come in the room with me.," Mr. Perry said. "As I explained our Indian culture she became fascinated and by the end had overcome her fear. This was one of my biggest accomplishments while in Mississippi."

"The Turkey Feather Cape" was a three-year project for Mr. Perry. He spent two years researching the history and techniques used in making a turkey feather cape.

It took him about three months to create the cape in his book, using 683 feathers, and a year to write and publish the book. The cape will be displayed in the Chickasaw Cultural Center after the book tour.



"The book teaches that by overcoming self-doubt of the mind, problem solving truly becomes an exercise about finding one's self," Mr. Perry said. "That confidence is what encourages one to try complex projects that have no easy answer."

"The Turkey Feather Cape" is now available to purchase at iuniverse.com, Chickasaw Outpost locations, and amazon.com. See the ad in this month's Chickasaw Times for more details or join Mr. Perry at one of his upcoming book tour stops.

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Archery, races - and grape dumplings!

Head Start students touch Native experience on Cultural Preservation Day

Take Up Yo
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Chickasaw Nation Head Start officials from left Regina Anderson, Linda Davis, tribal Division of Education administrator Lisa John, and Chickasaw Nation Head Start director Danny Wells accept a Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Program of the Month for May 2009 award on behalf of Chickasaw Nation Head Start. The RIF program provides free books to Chickasaw Nation Head Start children and has been offered by the Chickasaw Nation since 2001. The federally-funded program promotes children's literacy and parental involvement.

Chickasaw Nation
Head Start
Head Start

Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Head Start students Dylan Ware, left, and Austin Byers show off their medals they earned during a clan race at the Head Start Cultural Preservation/Little Olympics Day conducted April 17 in Sulphur, Okla.

Mike McKee

SULPHUR, Okla. - Chickasaw language, music and story telling, along with several other activities, entertained and educated Chickasaw Nation Head Start students during the sixth annual Chickasaw Nation Cultural Preservation Day, April 17 in Sulphur.

More than 250 Chickasaw Nation Head Start students, parents and siblings spent the morning immersed in Chickasaw culture. Educational booths including archery, the Chickasaw blow gun, traditional tribal foods, and dental health, among others, introduced students to a wide range of topics.

Employees of several tribal divisions of the pitched-in to make the event a success, said Danny Wells, Chickasaw Nation Head Start Director.

"Cultural Preservation Day is designed to expose these young Chickasaw students to cultural activities and tradition," said Wells. "Other departments have a lot of resources available to add to the cultural experience for our youth. Everyone contributes to make it a complete cultural preservation program."

Wells said the event becomes larger every year, thanks to the efforts of volunteers.

"The main thing is the kids have a good time," he said.

Snacks and traditional foods were also served.

All three Chickasaw princesses, the Chickasaw Honor Guard and the Chickasaw Dance Troupe also performed during the event.

When asked about their favorite activity, students from Ardmore pointed to their painted faces while others seemed to enjoy the grape dumplings.

Judging from the big smiles, the three- and four-year-olds enjoyed their day learning about Chickasaw culture.

Head Start teachers, parents, and volunteers also worked together to make the annual event a success, said Regina Anderson, Chickasaw Nation Head Start Parent Involvement/Social Service Manager.

Prior to the event, each class made "clan hats" to represent tribal clans, and then participated in clan races to wrap up the day.

Students from each site attended the event, including Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Madill, Sulphur, and Tishomingo, all total, about 256 students participated in the day.

The event was conducted in conjunction with the Week of the Young Child, April 20-24.

The event was conducted for the sixth year at Sulphur's First Baptist Church.

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Chickasaw students excel at Native Youth Language Fair

2009 OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR

Members of the Chickasaw language club performing their winning skit "Chikashsha Imafammi Ishtasha (Chickasaw Birthday Party)".

2009 OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN
YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR

Chipota Chikashshanompoli after winning 1st place in the third through fifth grade Large Group Music/Dance competition.

NORMAN, Okla. - Chickasaw-speaking students had another successful year at the Seventh Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, April 6-7 at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman.

"We are proud of our students for representing the Chickasaw Nation and our language so well," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "It is wonderful that they are so interested in learning their native language and keeping it alive."

Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw), the Chickasaw Nation's language club for students ages three to 12, took first place in both the third- through fifth-grade Large Group Spoken Language and Large Group Music/Dance categories.

Participating language club members were Cuterra Love, Terrysha Banner, Chelsea Wedlow, Lauren John, Colton Wilson, Johnathan DelFrate, Samantha Chapman, Nukne Greenwood, Anna Mae Palmer, Jairus Smith, Levi Hinson, Sean Cooke, Kelly Cooke, Chris Anglin, Zoe Allen, Jolie Morgan, Kelsey Morgan, Christian Siegle and Reese Siegle.

Other Chickasaw students were entered in the competition, including Thirkiel Wedlow, who tied for first in the sixth- through eighth-grade Individual Spoken Language category. Brook, Katy, Skye and Dale Shackleford, took first place in the ninth- through twelfth-grade Small Group Spoken Language Category. Also placing in the illustrative book category was Katy Shackleford, third in the sixth- through eighth-grade category, and Levi Hinson, third in the third- through fifth-grade category.

"Giving the Gift of Language" was the theme for the 2009 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair. Participants of all ages demonstrated language skills as groups or individuals in the spoken language and language with music or dance categories.

This year, there were more than 900 entries in the competition, representing 22 Native languages.

For more information about the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, visit http://www.snomnh.ou.edu/ or visit www.chickasaw.net/cca for additional information about the Chipota Chikashshanompoli language club.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA

ADA
Adult Tennis Clinic
June 8-11, (580) 272-5551

Babysitters College
June 11-12, (580) 436-3980

Adult Tennis Clinic
June 15-18, (580) 272-5551

ARDMORE
Rabies Clinic
May 15, (580) 226-4821

Rabies Clinic
May 29, (580) 226-4821

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

EDMOND
5th Annual Connecting to American Indian Learner's Conference
June 13, (580) 272-5520

KINGSTON
Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, (580) 564-4570

KULLIHOMA
Elders Day
May 8, (580) 332-8685

Chipota Chikashshanompoli
(Chickasaw language club for children ages three to 12)
May 16, (580) 272-5310

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Linda O'Hagan, 405-350-3311

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Betty Kemp, 405-364-0355

SULPHUR
Rabies Clinic
May 14, (580) 622-2888

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Lynn M. Dorrough, 909-213-7273

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly Meetings
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-945-9219 or Pam Harjo, 316-393-0696

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly Meetings
Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802 or Vadare Cornelison, 505-332-1776

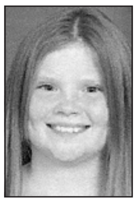
TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Michele Moody, 210-492-2288

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
Austin, Texas Area
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
Stan Farmer, (682) 234-4910

March 2009 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Bailee McCurdy


Bailee McCurdy

Bailee McCurdy is a May 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award Overall. She is the daughter of Bill and Carol McCurdy.

Bailee is a fourth grader at Latta (OK) Elementary School and was nominated by teacher Marsha Reeves.

"Bailee is an outstanding student," she said. "She works very hard to achieve all goals set before her."

Bailee enjoys basketball, softball and reading. She is also a member of the Chickasaw Children's Choir and the Blockheads #7450 Junior Lego League.

When she grows up, Bailee would like to be an optometrist or a chef in her own restaurant in Europe.

Stephen "Bryce" Wall

Stephen Wall

Bryce, a senior at Ardmore (OK) High School, is the May 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Bryce was nominated by Deana Craighead and is the son of Stephen Wall.

"Bryce puts forth a lot of effort in making the world a better place," Craighead said. "He has evolved into a take charge, get things done type of leader."

Bryce enjoys playing guitar and stickball. He is a member of the Ardmore High School Native American Club, "Dream Catchers," and is a praise and worship leader at the Ardmore Indian Baptist Church.

Kelli James

Kelli James

Kelli, daughter of Mark and Marquerita James, is a May 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Leadership.

Kelli is a senior at Ardmore (OK) High School and was nominated by Native American Club sponsor Deana Craighead.

"Kelli is always willing to help and do what it takes to succeed," said Craighead. "We are very proud of her accomplishments."

Kelli enjoys being a leader and working with children. She plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas and major in Early Childhood Education.

"With this I will be able to work with Native American children," said Kelli. "I like being able to give back to the Native American Community."

Kala Hensley

Kala Hensley

Kala, daughter of Sherry Hensley and David Labors, is a May 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Music.

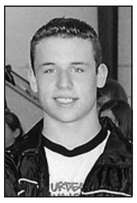
Kala is a senior at Plainview (OK) High School and was nominated by Bobbi Young.

"Kala is very active in the Music programs at Plainview High School and has received many awards for her hard work and dedication," Young said.

Kala enjoys listening to music and singing. She is a three-year All-State Choir member and an All-American scholar and National Honor Roll member.

"I plan to attend the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond," Kala said. "I'd like to be a part of their choir and major in Music."

Ryan White


Ryan White

Ryan, son of Chris and Shannon White, of Houston, Texas, is a May 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Ryan is a sophomore and attends advanced home school classes at The Home Education Partnership of Texas. He was nominated by Shannon White and Karen Freeman.

"Ryan is a shining example of kindness and respect," said White. "He serves as a role model to his classmates and peers.

Ryan loves writing music and playing electric, acoustic and bass guitars. He also participates in gymnastics and qualified to participate in Regional and Junior National competitions last season.

Christopher Garrett

Christopher Garrett

Christopher Garrett is May 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Science. He is the son of Starla Garrett.

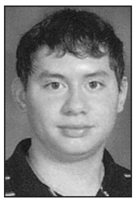
Christopher is a fourth grader at McGavock Elementary School in Nashville, Tenn. He was nominated by teacher John Knott.

"Christopher is an excellent science student," Mr. Knott said. "He combines superior academic ability with a strong inquisitive nature."

Chris enjoys reading and going to the library and received 1st place in the 2009 Science Fair.

"I plan to work hard in school, bring my grades up and qualify for the Nashville School of Arts when I'm in the ninth grade," he said.

Jared Alexander


Jared Alexander

Jared, a junior at Latta (OK) High School, is the recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship award for May 2009. He is the son of Haskell and Susan Alexander.

He was nominated by teacher Davida Smith.

"Jared is a very diligent worker with the inner drive it takes to succeed," Smith said. "He has the determination to be successful in his future endeavors."

Jared is on the Latta High School Golf Team and enjoys paintball. He participates in the Apihchi Ikbi Chickasaw Leadership program

"I'm not sure what I will major in, but I want to go to East Central University for my basics and then on to OU," said Jared.

Leslie Wesberry, Jr.

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Leslie, son of Chris and Stacy Wesberry, is the May 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement award in Athletics.

Leslie is a senior at Tishomingo (OK) High School and was nominated by Mike Matlack, baseball coach.

"Leslie is an outstanding student," Matlack said, "but he also excels on the playing field."

Besides playing baseball, Leslie is a member of Student Council and is ranked 4th in his class.

Upon graduation, he will pursue an Associate's Degree and play baseball at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas.

"My goal is to be a CEO of a non-profit organization," Leslie said. "I want to help our citizens be all that they are meant to be."

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Don't forget! Summer scholarship, grant applications due by June 15

Don't miss your opportunity to receive college funding! The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education summer scholarship and grant application deadline is approaching soon. Completed applications are due to the higher education department June 15, 2009.

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education department offers scholarships and grants for full-time and part-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral Chickasaw students. The scholarships and grants are intended to assist students by providing funding for tuition, fees and books for those students pursuing a degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

The scholarship and grant summer semester application deadline is June 15, the fall semester deadline is September 1 and the spring semester deadline is February 1. Students must submit completed applications by deadline indicated each semester to be considered. Only completed applications received by the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education department will be reviewed. Scholarships and grants are available to all Chickasaw students living within or outside Chickasaw Nation boundaries. Students must be Chickasaw and possess a Chickasaw citizenship card. Eligibility requirements vary depending on the type of scholarship or grant. For more information and to obtain required scholarship and grant applications, contact the higher education department at (580) 421-7711, deborah.hook@chickasaw.net or www.chickasaweducationservices.com.

Deadline for all Chickasaw Foundation scholarships is June 1st.

The Chickasaw Foundation provides educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, dedication to Native America and commitment to learning.

Eligibility requirements differ with each individual scholarship. Applications and a full list of scholarships and requirements can be found at www.chickasawfoundation.org .

For more information, contact the Foundation office at (580) 421-9030 or ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net

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'Mayhem' students honored for robotics engineering work

Senior members of Metal Mayhem were among those honored at an appreciation dinner conducted in Ada April 6. Pictured from left are Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Lori Hamilton, director of Chickasaw Nation Department of Education Services; Matthew Wright and Amber Huffman, Ada High School; Lashun Oakley and Jeremy Wingard, Latta High School; Ethan Priddy, Stratford High School and Lisa John, administrator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education.

Marcy Gray

The Chickasaw Nation's robotics team, Metal Mayhem, capped off its second season with an appreciation dinner April 6 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby joined several team members, mentors and parent volunteers to recognize the hard work and dedication that contributed to Metal Mayhem's success.

"We want to recognize all the people who put in countless hours to help us have another successful season," said Lisa John, Administrator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education.

During the event, participants enjoyed dinner and a demonstration of the 2352 Metal Mayhem robot.

Mentors honored were Josh Newby, Robbie Blair, Louise Shield, Denver Kimberlin, Michael Gross, Larry Cheatwood, Marilyn Coltz, Robbie Blair, Lisa Thompson, Brian Rumburg, Jim Lawson, Rhonda Metcalf and Robbie Hatton.

Stacy Oakley, Samantha Gross, Arlis Oakley and Lisa Bell were recognized for their dedication as parent volunteers.

Senior Metal Mayhem team members were honored as well. Each member delivered a short address to the younger members who will carry on next year.

"This is a really cool thing to be a part of," said Matthew Wright of Ada High School. "Stick with it and you'll make more friends and learn a lot."

Seniors recognized included Wright, Ethan Priddy, Lashun Oakley, Jeremy Wingard, Amber Huffman and Candace Williams.

Metal Mayhem was formed through a national organization called For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST). The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs

For more information about Metal Mayhem, contact the Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math program manager Stan Townsend at (580) 421-7711.

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Kids Golf Day set for June 20 at Lakeview in Ardmore

The first-ever Kids Golf Day, sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, is set for Saturday, June 20 at Lakeview Golf Course in Ardmore.

During this youth tournament, children will play the links as parents or guardians (over 16-years-old) serve as caddies.

The purpose of the event is to promote family fun and fitness.

On-site registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and play kicks off at 2:30 p.m. Registration fees are $15, which includes green fees, range balls, and drinks.

Boys and girls will play separately in the following categories:

Eight-10
11-14
15 and over

Contests include closest to the pin and longest drive, as well as awards for the top three players in each category.

There is no limit on the number of players. Players should possess a CDIB card.

For more information, contact Chris Alford at 580-272-5551.

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Native American Junior Open is June 4

ARDMORE, Okla. - The sixth annual Native American Jr. Open Golf tournament is set for Saturday, June 4 at Ardmore's Lakeview Golf Course. On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

The tournament is open to all Native American boys and girls ages 8-18. The event is hosted by the Chickasaw Nation and provides an opportunity for young golfers to compete in a tournament setting, in a relaxed atmosphere.

Younger players play nine holes of golf and older players complete 18.

Three age groups will compete for first, second and third place in each division.

Older players with the top five scores can qualify for Team Chickasaw Golf team.

For more information, contact Chris Alford at 580-272-5551.

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Gospel Singing May 25 in Reagan

A Memorial Day Gospel Singing is scheduled for Monday, May 25 at Abiding Glory Church in Reagan, Okla.

The Singing will begin at 3 p.m. Along with the Gospel Singing and fellowship, concessions will be available.

A supper will be served at 6 p.m.

To sign up your group, and for more information, call Ben Alexander at (580) 371-1514.

Abiding Glory Church can be reached by taking Highway 377 south 35 miles from Ada. Take Highway 7 West to Reagan.

The Memorial Day Gospel Singing Association is a non-profit organization accepting donations this year.

Tribe recognizes Colbert Public Schools at JOM conference

From left, Beth Alexander, Chickasaw Nation Legislator - Panola District; Tanja Forbs, Indian Education Committee Chairperson; Wanda Williams, JOM Director; Linda Carter, JOM Coordinator; Lisa John, Chickasaw Nation Division of Education Administrator; Penny Watson, Chickasaw Nation JOM Specialist; Carla Lane, Julie Underwood and Chelsea Wedlow, Chickasaw Nation Royalty; and Katie Case, Chickasaw Nation Legislator.

The Chickasaw Nation delivered recognition to a school system within the tribal boundaries during the recent Oklahoma State Johnson-O'Malley Conference in Tulsa.

The tribe presented the Exemplary School Award to the Colbert Public Schools.

Larissa Hallmark, a Durant (OK) Junior High School students, received third place in the JOM art contest.

The conference, conducted March 23-27, featured educational workshops and presentations focused on improving education programs for Indian students.

The conference is sponsored annually by the Oklahoma JOM Joint Tribal Committee, which is made up of representatives from the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee and Muscogee (Creek) tribes. The U.S. Bureau of Indian Education is also represented.

Chickasaw Nation Division of Education Administrator Lisa John welcomed attendees at the third general session. Division of Education employee Stacy Edgar delivered the invocation.

Chickasaw Nation employees vital to the success of the conference included Mrs. John; Division of Education employees Lori Hamilton, Joe Stick, Sara West and Stan Townsend; Cultural Resources employee Dixie Brewer; and Youth and Family Services employees Bryon Lyon, Matt Fulsom and Matt Clark.

Tribal legislators Katie Case and Beth Alexander were also in attendance.

The Johnson-O'Malley Act of 1934 established a program to supplement the education needs of Indian children. Each school participating in JOM has a parent committee that oversees its local JOM programs.

Indian students receive assistance in tutoring, school supplies, incentives and field trips, as well as other programs through JOM.

Goals, service defining lives of leadership youth

Members of the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi (Youth Leadership Chickasaw) studied the intricacies of leadership and building relationships during the April 11 session in Ada.

The session was led by Tom Keel, north/central regional training manager for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce.

Mr. Keel stressed the importance of image, team building, setting goals, getting out of one's comfort zone, self-esteem, self-confidence and communication skills.

"These intertwine like a net," he said.

During the session, students took a listening style assessment, and discovered ways to improve their listening style.

Keel, a former teacher and coach, said it was a privilege to share some of his past experiences and knowledge with the group of high school students.

"As an employee it is our duty to do everything we can to achieve our mission, to enhance the lives of Chickasaw citizens," he said. "Everyone has that responsibility. If I can do something to lead (young people) to make a better decision, I have done my part."

Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi participant Tana Alexander, 16, said she put into practice many things reviewed during the session as she works as a child care provider.

The high school junior said her after-school job "makes you aware of responsibilities. It's a lot of work, you have to be positive with the kids, you can't scream or yell, you have to explain things in a nice way."

The Dibble (OK) High School junior said she tried "to be a positive influence around people and be more self-motivated," as a result of things she has learned in her Leadership class.

She learned it was okay to "be who you are" during the April session.

Tana wants to work as a speech pathologist after college.

She works with a three-year-old hearing impaired child, who she is teaching sign language, and is inspired by the little girl.

"It is fulfilling work, teaching her to communicate better," she said.

The Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program equips students with the tools, skill and knowledge to become tomorrow's tribal leaders, and also stresses the importance of community service.

The next session is scheduled for May 9 in Ada.

Students have studied tribal government, leadership qualities, personal finance, abstinence, business etiquette and Chickasaw culture.

Community service projects are also a large part of the program.

For more information about the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program, contact Tonya Bierce, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620.

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Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi (Youth Leadership Chickasaw) members Tana Alexander, left and Kelsie Sweat complete a listening skills assessment during the April Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi session. The group studied how to develop leadership and relationship skills during the session.

Mark your calendars for 2009 summer camps, academies

The Chickasaw Nation is gearing up for an exciting summer of camps and academies. Each year the youth and family, culture, education and other divisions focuses on providing educational activities for youth to explore new opportunities.

Many camps and academies have application deadlines approaching, including the following:

Entrepreneurship Academy, June 1-5

Application deadline May 8

This academy is designed for Chickasaw students ages 15-19 who have an interest in business. The academy is a partnership between Southeastern Oklahoma State University's John Massey School of Business and the Chickasaw Nation, and is conducted on the SOSU campus. Upon completion of the academy, students graduate with a completed business plan and the tools and knowledge to write future business plans. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Honor Club office at 580-421-7711.

Golf Camp:

June 8-9

June 10-11

Application deadline May 15

WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Oklahoma.

A beginner and intermediate camp and an advanced camp are conducted.

Along with an introduction to the game, participants will receive the tools needed to build a solid foundation for the game of golf. The camp targets 150 Native American youth ages eight to 18 and it is an overnight camp. For more information, contact Chris Alford at 580-272-5551.

FCA Xtreme Camp, June 14-18

Application deadline May 15

Cross Point Camp in Kingston, Oklahoma.

This camp features many physical challenges including water skiing, water tubing, rappelling and a ropes course. This camp, for students ages 15-18, also features outstanding speakers and great music and emphasizes on leadership. For more information, contact Melissa Wilkerson at 580-310-6620, or email melissa.wilkerson@chickasaw.net.

Ada Tennis Clinic:

June 15-18

June 22-25

Application deadline May 15

Ada Tennis Center, Ada, Oklahoma

Two camps are conducted, a beginner camp, June 15-18 and an intermediate camp, June 22-25. Both sessions are open to Native American youth ages eight to 18 and are conducted at the Ada Tennis Center in Ada, Oklahoma from 8 a.m. until noon. The beginner's session teaches all the fundamentals of the game and the intermediate session is for experienced players who want to improve their game. For more information, contact Matt Folsom at 580-272-5509 or email matt.folsom@chickasaw.net.

Youth Basketball Clinics, **July 1-2**

Application deadline June 1

Family Life Center, Ada, Oklahoma

Ardmore Middle School Gym, Ardmore, Oklahoma

Open to students ages seven to 14, this clinic teaches basketball techniques from current and former high school and university players and coaches. Students may choose one clinic. For more information, contact Clovis Hamilton at 580-272-5505.

Environmental Camp, July 6-10

Application deadline May 15 Camp Goddard, Davis Oklahoma

The environmental camp provides a high quality, outdoor educational experience for Chickasaw students in fifth through eighth grades. The five-day camp fulfills general science, life science, and earth or space science requirements for most grades. The camp utilizes the teaching tools and the dynamic ecology of the Arbuckle Mountains of south-central Oklahoma. Chickasaw youth hike trails while learning about the environment, plants, water resources, animals, rocks, fossils and Chickasaw culture.

For more information on the camps listed above and to obtain camp applications, call (580) 421-7711 or email jennifer.parks@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, July 20-31

Auditions May 2

Taking place on the campus of East Central University in Ada, Okla., the academy provides Chickasaw and other youth, ages 8 to 19, the opportunity to work intensively with top arts professionals.

Students must attend an audition to be eligible for acceptance into the academy. This year, auditions will be conducted April 4 on the University of Central Oklahoma campus in Edmond and May 2 on East Central University's campus in Ada.

However, the students will not be eliminated based on these auditions.

Application packet deadline is May 4.

For interested youth who live out of state, there is a video/photo audition option available with prior approval from CSAA co-directors.

For more information on the audition process or on the academy, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Chickasaw Nation Environmental Camp, May 27-29

The first-ever Chickasaw Nation Environmental Camp helps sixth, seventh and eight grade youth discover and appreciate the environment and recognize the earth's interconnected web of life.

Participants will study a variety of topics from archeology to water chemistry to composting and visit area attractions including Byrd's Mill Springs and the Ada Landfill.

For more information, contact Cindy Gammons at 580-272-5456 or Jennifer Clement at 580-272-5421.

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Chickasaw Children's Village provides secure home setting

Celebrating its fifth anniversary, the Chickasaw Nation Children's Village, in Kingston Okla., is consistently striving to fulfill its mission to "Strengthen Native American families and youth."

"I have seen this program tremendously affect the lives of many of the students at the village by giving them stability and allowing them to really excel in their education," said Sallie Wallace, Children's Village residential manager.

The Children's Village is a coeducational, family-style residential village and learning community operating throughout the school year. The Children's Village focuses on providing a safe and structured environment for students that promotes their educational, physical, mental, social and spiritual development.

The Children's Village has eight cottages. Each cottage can house up to eight students. Plans call for the opening of two additional cottages in the next year.

Each cottage houses two full-time house parents who live in the cottages 24 hours a day allowing students to receive individual attention.

"This helps provide consistency with the students, allowing them to interact with the same parents daily in a personal setting, as opposed to having revolving staff with shifting personalities and rules like they would in a dorm situation," said Wallace.

Children's Village students attend Kingston Public schools and are provided with tutoring, nightly study hall plus an academic manager who works with the school system daily to track student progress.

Students participate in a wide variety of both school and Children's Village activities, ranging from athletics to livestock competitions. An equine program, recreation gym, playgrounds and a library are other amenities offered on the 165-acre campus, which overlooks Lake Texoma.

Last semester, Children's Village students maintained an overall 2.5 grade point average (4.0 scale). Two students received a perfect 4.0 on their final report cards.

The Children's Village accepts first- through 12th-grade Native American children from any federally-recognized tribal nation. The Children's Village has a current capacity of 64 students annually.

The Children's Village is funded by the Chickasaw Nation and is free of charge to students accepted in the program.

The Chickasaw Children's Village will open enrollment June 1 through July 17 for the 2009-10 school year. Applicants applying to attend the Chickasaw Children's Village will need the following documents:

Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood Card (CDIB) or tribal letter

Up-to-date immunization record

Birth certificate

Social Security card

School transcript or most recent grades

Private insurance, Medicaid, Sooner Care insurance card

Current contact list

Completed, signed and notarized application for enrollment

All completed applications will be considered. A complete application must have all areas completed and signed. Required forms are available at www.chickasaw.net or can be mailed upon request. An applicant should know within three to five days if he qualifies for the program.

For more information, contact the Children's Village at (580) 564-3060. The facility is located at 1185 Village Road in Kingston, Oklahoma.

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Chickasaw Children's Village Stock Show Awards

Chickasaw Children's Village student Jeremiah Kretzschmar won overall grand champion honors for a goat entered in the Marshall County Livestock Show, while Dylan Shipley won first in class for his heifer at the Oklahoma City Livestock show.

Several other students took home a variety of awards. Throughout the year the students are responsible for feeding, training and caring for the livestock that reside on the Children's Village campus.

Competing in two separate Stock shows during 2008-09 school year, the students brought in several awards and earned over $8000 in premium sales.

MARSHALL COUNTY STOCK SHOW

(Students competed in a variety of age groups).

Jeremiah Kretzschmar, 1st in Wether goat

Jeremiah Kretzschmar, Overall Grand Champion in market Wether goat

Spencer Holland, 1st in class Wether goat

Neeson Shipley, 2nd in class Wether goat

Kaela Sealy, 1st in class Wether goat

Keelan Hill, 1st in class Wether goat

Dilan Shipley, 1st in class Wether goat

Louie Kishketon , 3rd in class Wether goat

Tristian Wilson, 2nd in class Wether goat

Selina Taylor, 3rd in class Wether goat

Danille Hawkins, 1st in class Wether goat

Chasity Bruner, 2nd in class Commercial Heifer

Anita Sayerwinnie, 1st in class Commercial Heifer

Dilan Shipley, 1st in class Commercial Heifer

OKLAHOMA CITY STOCK SHOW

(Students competed in a variety of age groups).

Spencer Holland, 10th in class Wether goat

Neeson Shipley, 12th in class Wether goat

Jeremiah Kretzschmar, 14th in class Wether goat

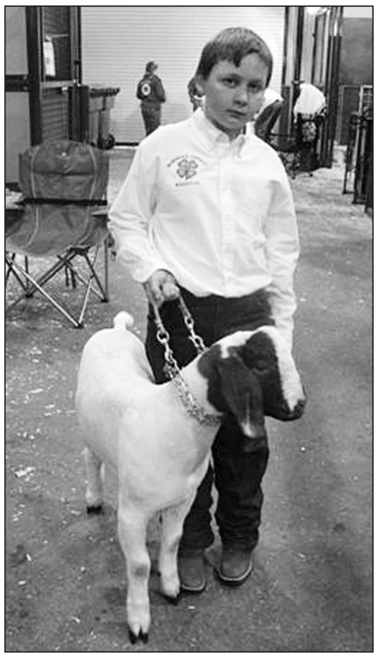
Dilan Shipley, 1st in class Commercial Heifer

Chasity Bruner, 3rd in class Commercial Heifer

Tristian Wilson, 8th in class Commercial Heifer

Spencer Holland prepping his Wether Goat before the show.

Dylan Shipley showing his 1st place Commercial Heifer.



Neeson Shipley with his 2nd place Wether Goat.

Chickasaw Children's Village Basketball Season Awards

Jon Williamson and Chris James were awarded All-Conference Team honors for their outstanding performance during the 2008-09 basketball season at Kingston (OK) High School.

Several Chickasaw Children's Village students competed in basketball this year for Kingston High School basketball team. The Kingston boys' varsity finished with a 22-6 record.

During the season the team won several tournaments and the Children's Village boys and girls competing received numerous awards including:

Kingston Varsity Boys' Team Awards

Madill Winter Classic Champs
Tishomingo Tournament Runner-up
Lake Country District Champs
Regional Runner-up

Jon Williamson-Sr.

Madill Winter Classic All-Tournament Team & All-Conference Team

Chris James-Sr.

Tishomingo All-Tournament Team & All-Conference Team

Christian Larney-Jr.

All-Conference Team Honorable Mention

Valuable Team Players - Boys' & Girls' Varsity

Arthur Williamson-Jr.
Nathan Reeves-Soph.
Jessica Reeves-Sr.
Mary Ahtone-Sr.

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KINGSTON 33
KINGSTON 23
KINGSTON
KINGSTON
KINGSTON 4
RUNNER-UP

From left, Arthur Williamson, Christian Larney, Chris James, Jon Williamson and Nate Reeves.

REDSKIN
REDSKINS 30

Mary Ahtone, left, and Jessica Reeves.

Dream of owning your own home? Need to Refinance? Want to make Home Improvements?

CHUKA CHUKMASI is a secondary market home loan for Chickasaw Citizens and Chickasaw Nation Employees. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development (CNDHTD) can help you with the financing as well as the down payment and closing costs. Through the Chuka Chukmasi home loan program, we offer Conventional, HUD 184, FHA and VA loans anywhere in the continental United States.

REFINANCING: Did you know CNDHTD can loan up to 90% of the appraised value on your home? Closing costs may be rolled into the loan, if the appraisal is high enough. Appraisal fee must be paid up front.

NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS: Are you interested in building? If you have been approved for your 30 year permanent financing through Chuka Chukmasi, CNDHTD can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. Interim construction is available only in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate is 5% and the term 6-9 months. During the construction phase, you will be required to make monthly interest payments on drawn borrowed funds. You will pay minimal closing costs on the construction loan at closing. Please call for further information.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS: Do you want to make needed improvements? CNDHTD may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is $30,000.00. The interest rate is fixed at 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage on the home. Home must be your primary residence. You must pay closing costs at closing. This loan is available only in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a contractor. Call for additional details.

GRANT FUNDS: Do you need help with down payment and closing costs? Chickasaw citizens may receive up to $3,000.00 to assist with down payment and/or closing costs when purchasing a home. You must be pre-approved thru the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program at CNDHTD for your financing. Refinances are not eligible to receive these funds. This is a one time grant. Call for more information.

EMPLOYER ASSISTED HOUSING: Employees of the Chickasaw Nation are eligible to apply for the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program thru CNDHTD. You must be pre-approved for your permanent financing through the Chuka Chukmasi home loan program. Employees may receive down payment and/or closing cost assistance in the form of a second mortgage loan.

COUNSELING: Did you know that you can receive assistance with credit counseling, credit report clean-up, budgeting, loss mitigation and early delinquency intervention? Do you want to purchase a home but you know there are credit issues that might preclude you from purchasing right now? Did you know that we have a full time counselor who can work directly with you, one-on-one, to help you become mortgage ready? Maybe your credit is ok, but you just can't seem to save enough money to get started with the process and need help with goal setting and personal budgeting. Please call **Kyra Childers at (580) 421-8817** and let her help you now.

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Chickasaw martial artists receive black belt honors

PURCELL, Okla. - Sensei Matt Clark conferred black belt honors to four Chickasaw Nation martial artists during a March 21awards presentation in Purcell.

The students were the first to achieve the rank of black belt in the Chickasaw Nation program under the instruction of Matt Clark.

Lonnie Lawson, Ronald Schultz, Greg Skinner and Connie Skinner earned their black belts last year. As part of earning their full accreditation they had to complete a one-year temporary black belt status as assistant instructors proving their ability to teach the skills they have acquired.

As part of their testing, each individual performed nine Katas (movement forms); a breaking demonstration (using wood boards); and a series of technical skills including self-defense weapons disarmament and fighting skills.

"These students have all four shown the knowledge, technical skill level, and character one must possess to earn a black belt in the Chickasaw Martial Arts program," said Sensei Matt Clark, Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Head Instructor.

Lonnie Lawson, a Chickasaw citizen, has been practicing martial arts for over 35 years and joined the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program in 2002 under Sensei Matt Clark.

Lonnie Lawson

"One of the many things that attracted me to martial arts was the attitudes and teachings of their fundamental values," Lawson said. "I have learned over many years that teaching the martial arts is also teaching one not to fight unless forced upon you."

Ronald Shultz

Lawson began his martial arts training in China in 1973 while deployed there with the U.S. Air Force. His training included Chinese Kempo, a traditional Chinese Kung-Fu, which utilizes Kendo, Karate and Judo.

After his retirement from the military, Lawson took up Tae Kwon Do and Judo upon moving back to Oklahoma. He began practicing Shotokan Karate when he joined the Chickasaw martial arts program in 2002.

He was awarded black belt honors in Tae Kwon Do and Shotokan Karate. A ranking of "Shodan" was conferred upon him by Sensei Clark through the national Shotokan Karate and Tae Kwon Do councils.

"I am extremely honored to receive my black belt and plan on using my knowledge and skill to teach others the fundamental values I have learned and adopted throughout my years of martial arts training," said Lawson.

Ronald Shultz, a Chickasaw citizen, has been practicing martial arts with the Chickasaw Nation program for over 10 years with his three daughters Brittney, Brianna, and Brea.

"I always had an interest in martial arts growing up but never had the opportunity to do it when I was younger because there was no place to learn," Schultz said. The Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program gave my family this opportunity and we have been in it ever since."

He began his martial arts training two months after his daughter Brittney, now 15, first enrolled in the program.

Greg Skinner

"Watching her inspired me to learn," Shultz said. "We have a saying, 'whoever kicks together sticks together.'"

Connie Skinner

Shultz has trained in a variety of disciplines throughout his 10 years, including Tae Kwon Do, Shotokan Karate, Judo, Jujitsu, and Kempo.

Shultz is now an assistant instructor under Sensei Matt Clark at the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Purcell area location along with helping preside over classes at the four other locations when needed.

Shultz was awarded black belt honors in Tae Kwon Do. A ranking of "Shodan" was conferred upon him by Sensei Clark through the national Tae Kwon Do council.

"Teaching the children has been the most rewarding part of my martial arts training," Shultz said. "I am honored to have earned my black belt because it has enabled me to instruct the children in the program and help instill in them the discipline and self-confidence that comes from learning martial arts."

Greg and Connie Skinner have been in the Chickasaw martial arts program for eight years. They originally joined in 2001 with their oldest son Colten, who was five at the time. Today it is a family activity and the Skinners' two youngest, Cade and Shane, have also joined the program.

"We started the program originally with our five-year-old as an activity for him," Greg Skinner said. "Since then we fell in love with it as a family. The basic principles teach respect, honesty, and self-discipline I believe these are concepts that can be applied in to everyday life, not just martial arts."

During their eight years in the program, the Skinners have done cross training in Karate, Judo, Jujitsu, Tae Kwon Do and self-defense training, including gun and knife disarmament training.

"The confidence factor can never be overstated in martial arts and gives you a sense you are in control of your life," Greg Skinner said. "It's given me the assurance that I can protect my family should a situation ever arise, but the knowledge to know when not to fight."

Connie Skinner has taken a special interest in teaching self-defense training for women and teaching the youth involved in the program. As assistant instructors under Sensei Matt Clark, the Skinners take pride in instilling the principles they have learned through martial arts into the younger generations.

"One of the biggest benefits of martial arts is that it helps teach the children right from wrong and the self-confidence to stand up for themselves and do the right thing by saying no instead of giving into peer pressure in a bad situation," said Connie Skinner.

Greg and Connie Skinner were awarded black belt honors in Shotokan Karate. A ranking of "Shodan" was conferred upon them by Sensei Clark through the national Shotokan Karate council.

"All four have truly earned their ranking of Shodan Black Belts," Clark said. "They have taken the knowledge they have acquired thus far and are now returning it as instructors to the next generation of martial artist while continually striving to learn more everyday."

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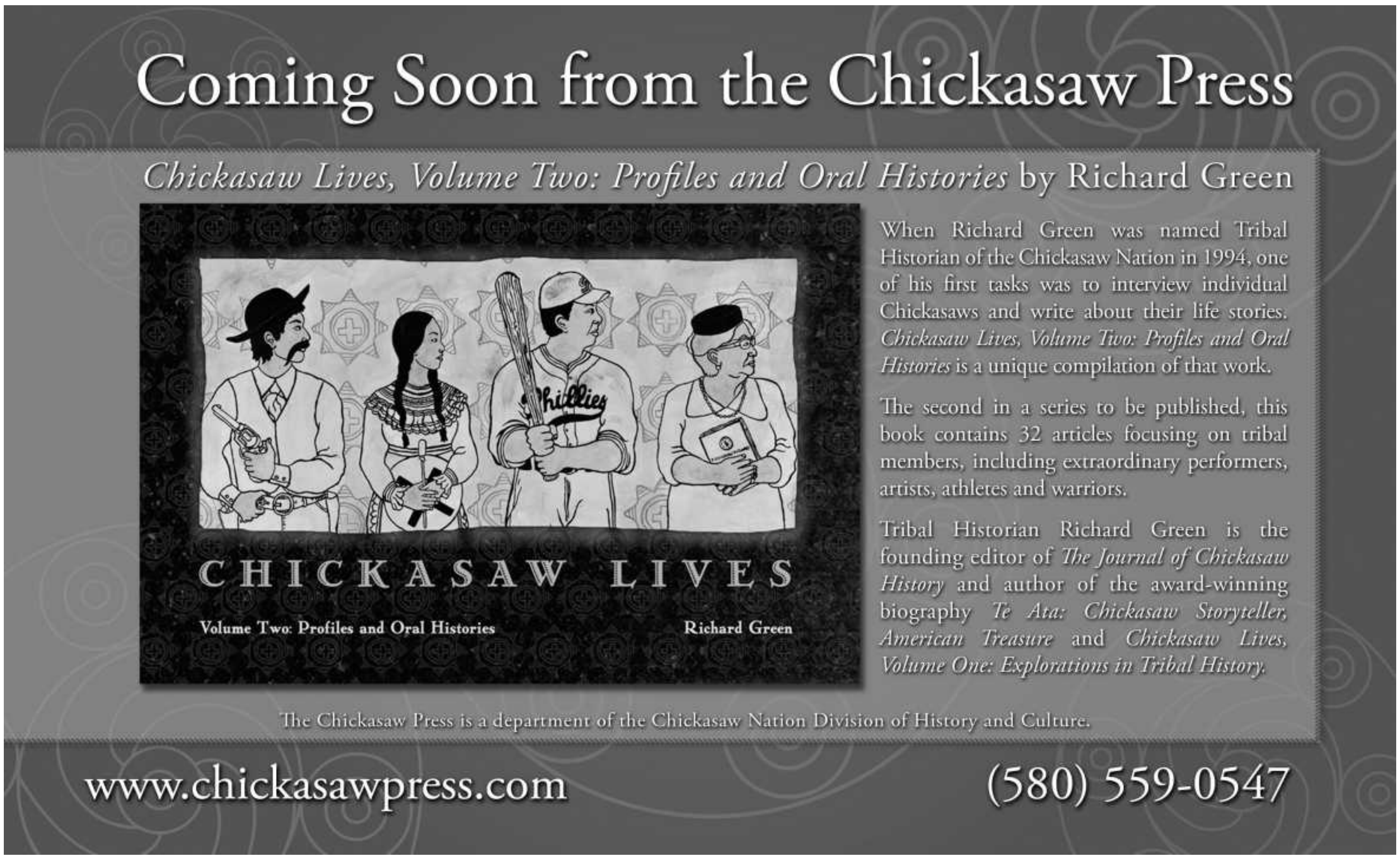
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Chickasaw Lives, Volume Two: Profiles and Oral Histories by Richard Green

When Richard Green was named Tribal Historian of the Chickasaw Nation in 1994, one of his first tasks was to interview individual Chickasaws and write about their life stories. *Chickasaw Lives, Volume Two: Profiles and Oral Histories* is a unique compilation of that work.

The second in a series to be published, this book contains 32 articles focusing on tribal members, including extraordinary performers, artists, athletes and warriors.

Tribal Historian Richard Green is the founding editor of *The Journal of Chickasaw History* and author of the award-winning biography *Te Ata: Chickasaw Storyteller, American Treasure* and *Chickasaw Lives, Volume One: Explorations in Tribal History.*

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Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Program hosts Purcell tournament

PURCELL, Okla. - Several hundred youth were in attendance at the First Annual Purcell Chickasaw Martial Arts competition March 21 at the Multipurpose Center in Purcell.

"The turnout for the event has been excellent," said Sensei Matt Clark, Chickasaw Nation Head Martial Arts instructor. "I think this was a great opportunity for the kids to compete in a friendly tournament and test their skills against other Dojos in the Oklahoma area in a variety of disciplines,"

The tournament tested the skills of the martial rtist in three competitions including Judo (grappling), Katas (forms), and full contact point fighting using Tae Kwon Do and Shotokan Karate.

The tournament had an opening performance featuring the Shackleford family performing several songs in both Chickasaw and English.

A belt awards ceremony with numerous levels of students receiving belt upgrades and four students awarded the first ever Black Belts presented by the Chickasaw Martial Arts program.

A feature performance by the Chickasaw Nation Speed Demonstration Team highlighted the use of several weapons and a variety of martial arts technical skills.

The martial arts program strives to build the five basic needs of the student by emphasizing character, sincerity, effort, etiquette and self-control.

"The class motto is, 'I'm not a failure if I try,'" said Clark.

An annual Chickasaw Martial Arts tournament is conducted each June at the Chickasaw Wellness Center in Ada, Okla. This year the Martial Arts program decided to host an additional tournament that would allow for selected martial arts programs to attend for added competition.

The Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Program is offered in five locations across the service area. The classes are offered free to citizens of the Chickasaw Nation and to tribal employees. Other participants may enroll at a rate of $15 per month.

For more information or to join the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program contact Matt Clark, Division of Youth and Family Services, (580)-272-5504 or E-mail Matt.clark@chickasaw.net.

Awards from the Chickasaw Martial Arts Tournament

Little Warriors 6 and under
Wyatt Holloway – Purcell
Makyna Madison – Purcell
Dillon Palmer – Ada

7-9 year olds
1. Leigh Davidson – Ada
2. Trinity Black – Shawnee
3. Cameron Estep – Ada

10-11 boys
1. Alec Brownfield – Purcel
2. Dale Shackelford – Purcell
3. Eddie Power – Ada

11-12 girls
1. Katherine Shackelford – Purcell
2. Stasia Roebuck – Coalgate
3. Bailey Medlock

12-14 Boys
1. David Beydler – Achille
2. Hagen Collins – Ada
3. Tanner Davis – Purcell

14-15 girls
1. Brooke Shackelford – Purcell
2. Skye Shackelford – Purcell
3. Julia Landwert – Shawnee

14-17 boys
1. Colton Cravatt – Ardmore
2. Colten Skinner – Purcell
3. Stephen George – Purcell

16-19 girls
1. Lynsey Loudermilk – Coalgate
2. Amanda Shackelford – Purcell
3. Rebekah Hicks – Achille

Adults
Derrick Arthur – Achille
Glen Straughn – Ada
Kyle Straughn – Ada

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Little Warriors medalists in point fighting.

Chickasaw Nation Speed Demonstration Team member showing off his weapons skills.

Chickasaw Nation Speed Demonstration Team members.

Instructors from the many Dojos represented at the tournament.

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Chepota Himmita dedicates 'Blue Ribbon Tree'

More than 30 people from the Chickasaw Nation Chepota Himmita (Young Child) program honored victims of child abuse by dedicating a Blue Ribbon Tree in recognition of National Child Abuse Awareness month.

Participants decorated the tree in blue ribbons and placed it in the front entrance of Lazer Zone Family Fun Center, in Ada Okla., April 7. The blue ribbon is the national symbol for the prevention of child abuse.

"The 83 blue ribbons hanging from the tree signify the 83 members who passed through our program in 2008," said Ginger Dunn, Chepota Himmita program supervisor. "The tree is a symbol of our support in raising awareness to fight against child abuse across America and in our local community,".

Chepota Himmita is a voluntary program, at no cost, that seeks to provide community-based resources and support for Native American families.

The program provides opportunities to learn about child health/development, use of community resources, parenting skills, support groups, home visitation by support workers and more.

Enrollment in the Chepota Himmita program is for women 28 weeks pregnant and up to 12 months after birth, who are members of Native American Families living in Pontotoc County, Okla. Once enrolled, children can participate through age six.

Chepota Himmita program members hiding in the "Blue Ribbon Tree."

"Child abuse is a serious problem in the U.S. and the only way to combat this problem is through education and awareness," Dunn Said. "The Chepota Himmita program is proud to be doing our part."

According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and The Federal Administration for Children and Families:

A child abuse report is made every 10 second in the U.S.

Last year there were over 900,000 child abuse convictions.

Four children a day die from child abuse and 79 percent of the children killed are younger than four years old.

One in 50 U.S. infants are victims of nonfatal child abuse or neglect.

Child abuse occurs in every socioeconomic level, across all ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions, and at all levels of education.

80% of young adults who have been abused met the diagnostic criteria for at least one psychiatric disorder by the age of 21 (including depression, anxiety, eating disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder)

Children who experience child abuse & neglect are 59 percent more likely to be arrested as juveniles, 28 percent more likely to be arrested as an adult, 30 percent more likely to commit violent crimes, and 67 percent more likely to develop drug and alcohol addictions.

One-third of abused and neglected children will eventually victimize their own children.

For more information and for details on enrollment and future Chepota Himmita events, call 580-272-5550 or visit the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada.

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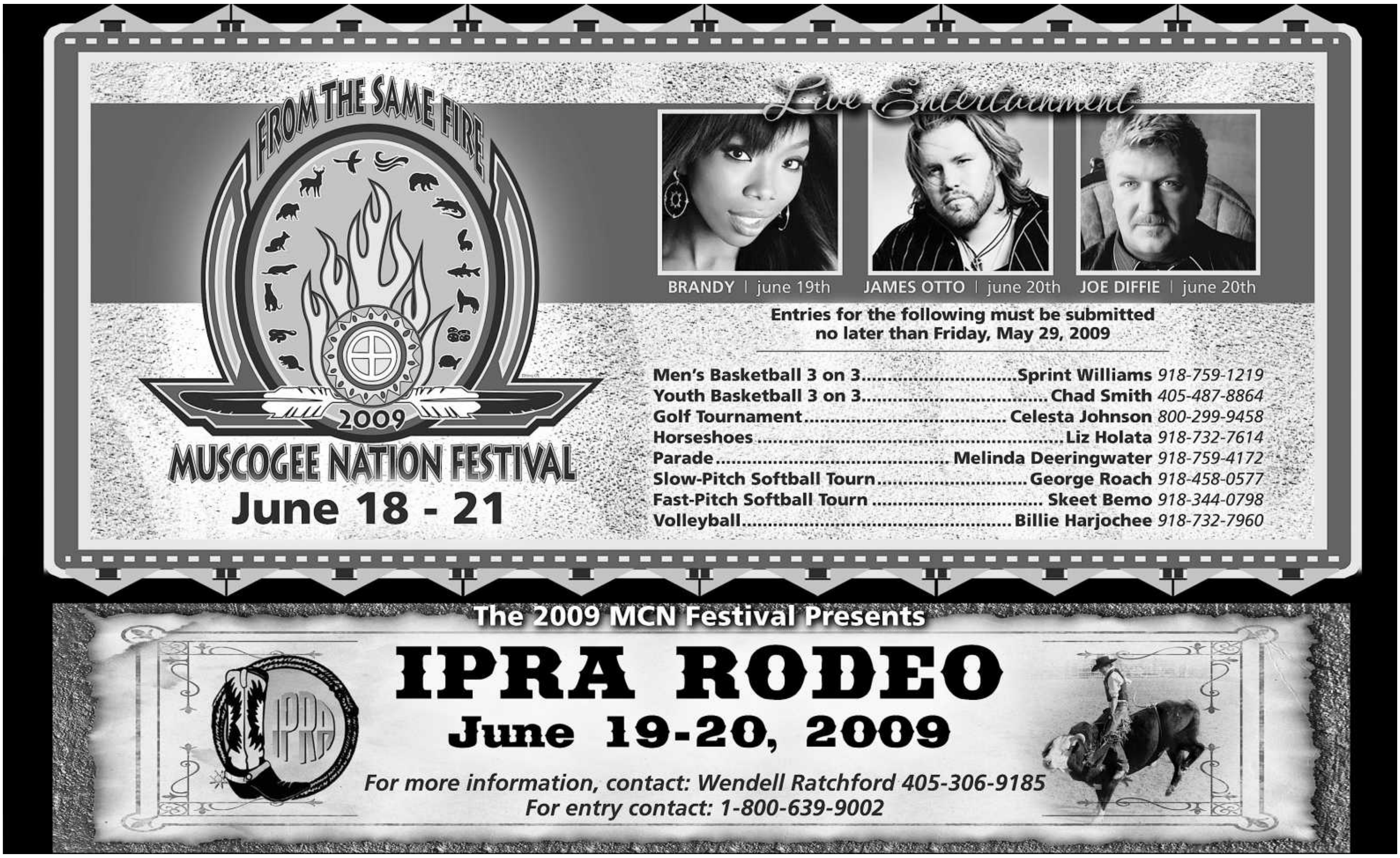

Entries for the following must be submitted no later than Friday, May 29, 2009

Men's Basketball 3 on 3	Sprint Williams	918-759-1219
Youth Basketball 3 on 3	Chad Smith	405-487-8864
Golf Tournament	Celesta Johnson	800-299-9458
Horseshoes	Liz Holata	918-732-7614
Parade	Melinda Deeringwater	918-759-4172
Slow-Pitch Softball Tourn	George Roach	918-458-0577
Fast-Pitch Softball Tourn	Skeet Bemo	918-344-0798
Volleyball	Billie Harjochee	918-732-7960

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Tribe supports 'Walk in the Park' to prevent sexual abuse

With more than 100 people in attendance, organizers say the Chickasaw Nation Walk in the Park to Prevent Sexual Assault was a big success.

The April 4 event at Wintersmith Park, in Ada, Okla., was co-hosted by the Ada Family Crisis Center and East Central University Campus Initiative to Reduce Crime Against Women.

"This has been a wonderful turnout and we fully intend to make this initiative an annual event," said keynote speaker Jay Keel, Chickasaw Nation Administrator of Youth and Family Services. "Sexual assault is an unacceptable crime we must confront through raising awareness in our communities."

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness month. The walk was conducted as a joint effort to raise awareness in the local community about the dangers of sexual assault.

Booths were set up by the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention to provide information on sexual assault programs offered throughout the state.

"This event lets victims know that there are services out there to help them along with helping people realize that sexual assault is a problem in every community and not something that only happens in big cities," said Karen Gaddis, Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention Manager.

National and State statistics show:

- Every two minutes someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted.
- One in three Native American women suffers sexual assault during their lifetime.
- Sixty percent of sexual assaults are not reported to the police.
- Sexual assault programs in the state of Oklahoma served over 8,000 people in 2008.
- Oklahoma reported more than 1,500 rapes of adult women in 2008.
- Oklahoma reported more than 1000 children as victims of sexual assault in 2008.

For more information on sexual assault programs and services contact the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention (580) 272-5550. For additional programs statewide contact the Oklahoma Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-522-SAFE (7233).

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Metal Mayhem Team 2352

Walkers make their way through Wintersmith Park to prevent sexual assault.

WALKIN THE PARK TO PREVENT SEXUAL ASSAULT

Shelly Williams walks with her daughter Jessica Garner.

Rabies clinics scheduled in seven towns

Native American pet owners are invited to bring their cats and dogs for a free vaccination at one of several rabies clinics planned this spring.

The clinics are sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR) program and vaccines will be administered by local veterinarians.

Participants should bring their pets and their CDIB card to one of the designated locations during the hours listed below.

Sulphur
10 a.m. – Noon, Thursday, May 14
Sulphur Area Office, 4970 W. HWY 7
Ardmore
10 a.m. – Noon, Friday, May 15 and May 29
Between Ardmore Clinic and Food Distribution Center
Achille
10 a.m. – Noon, Thursday, June 4
Achille Senior Site
Connerville
10 a.m. – Noon, Thursday, June 11
Chickasaw Nation Senior Site
Tishomingo
10 a.m. – Noon, Thursday, June 18
Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic
Enos
10 a.m. – Noon, Thursday, July 2
Chickasaw Nation Community Center
Madill
10 a.m. – Noon, Thursday, July 2
Chickasaw Nation Senior Site

For more information, contact the Ada Area Office at (580) 436-7256.

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Babysitters College set for June 11-12 at Carl Albert

The annual Babysitters College classes are set for June 11-12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Classes will be located at the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility main conference room in Ada.

The training is a collaboration of several Chickasaw Nation Health System departments. Teens learn basic babysitting information. Education and information provided includes: formula preparation, diaper changing and dressing, age appropriate activities, first aid and safety.

For more information, contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 421-4591.

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'Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest' upcoming

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development sponsors the Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest each spring. This contest runs from May through August and is open to current participants of the Homeownership/Mutual Help housing program.

Two winners are selected each month from the Pontotoc District, Pickens District and Panola/Tishomingo District for the Legislator Award of a free month of rent. These winners will then advance to compete for the Lt. Governor Award of a $50 Walmart gift card. These four winners will then be eligible for the Governor Award of a $250 Walmart gift card. This selection is made around October.

You can submit your yard by completing an entry form or by phone at (580) 421-8800. A Housing Representative will be sent to photograph your yard. Good Luck!

‘Week of the Young Child’ celebrations provide fun-filled week for kids

Governor Bill Anoatubby walks hand-in-hand with children during the parade.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center kicked off “Week of the Young Child” with over 150 Ada area kids joining in a parade led by the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police and Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

“Week of the Young Child” is a week-long celebration conducted each year by the Child Development Center. The event focuses on the children throughout the various programs at the center.

“This is the one time a year we set aside to celebrate all our kids and really let them know how special they are and what they mean to us,” said Becky Anoatubby, Child Development Center manager. “All the hard work is worth it just to see the smiles on their faces.”

The week consisted of daily events including a parade, Little Olympics, parent-child breakfast, field trip day, balloon launch, car seat safety check, and child appreciation day carnival.

The Little Olympics was at the Chickasaw Wellness Center. The children competed in several fun sporting events and games throughout the day. Each child received a trophy for participating in the event.

Field trip day was a special outing to Camp Goddard near the Chickasaw National Recreation Area. The children visited the dinosaur museum where they got a first-hand look at rare dinosaur bones and were treated to an amazing day of learning.

The balloon launch Thursday was a tribute by the children, teachers and parents to recognize May as child abuse awareness month. Over 100 children joined in the ceremony letting off blue balloons into the air in front of the Child Care Development Center.

To end the week, the Child Development Center recognized the children with an all-day carnival. A moon bounce was brought into the Child Development Center, along with several fun activities and events planned throughout the day.

One of the featured events was the “Diaper Dash,” a crawling race, with the youngest children from the Child Development Center competing in a dash competition for the title of the fastest crawler award.

“There is nothing more precious then our young children and celebrating their growth as individuals,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. “I love participating in these events because it helps show the children our commitment as a Nation their future.”

This year the Child Development Center will be opening up a brand new Center just south of the current Child Development Center building. This will help vastly expand the programs and the services offered through the Child Development Center and allow more children to become a part of the Head Start and Child Care Center programs.

For more information on events or programs and services offered through the Child Development Center call (580) 310-9490 or visit the offices located at 226 Rosedale Road, Ada.

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Head Start students during the Week of the Young Child carnival.

Child Development students preparing for the balloon launch.

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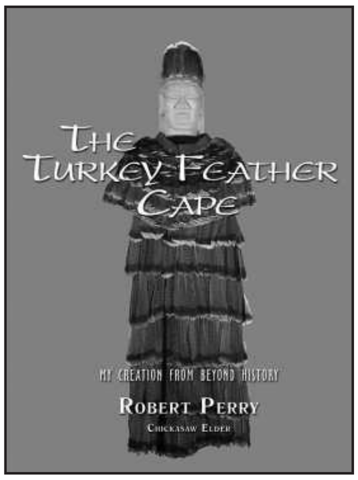
The book sells for $15.95 at book places:

The Chickasaw Outpost in Ada, OK; Amazon.com, or iUniverse: 1-800-Authors which also has e-books for $6.



Health System names Employee, Team of the Year

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Taylor Caldwell, right, receives the 2008 Employee of the Year award from Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Health System Administrator.

CHICKASAW NATION HEALTH SYSTEM
TEAM OF THE YEAR
for
Service Above and Beyond

Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator Bill Lance, left, with Team of the Year, from left, Renee Hamilton, RN, OB Nurse Manager; Susan Friant, RN and Joyce Bourke, RN.

The Chickasaw Nation Health System "Employee of the Year" award was presented to Taylor Caldwell during an April 20 reception.

"Team of the Year" honors went to the Obstetrics (OB) staff.

Caldwell is the Laboratory Information System coordinator for the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. He works closely with the information technology department to maintain connectivity between the lab and Resource and Patient Management System. Connectivity between the two departments is important since all completed lab results are entered into the Resource and Patient Management System as soon as possible to aid providers in treating patients.

During the climax of flu season, connectivity issues occurred, resulting in the laboratory staff manually entering all patient lab results for several hours. During this challenging time, Caldwell worked with information technology to re-establish connectivity and ensured all equipment.

Co-workers describe the OB staff as exhibiting a high standard of professionalism and always being willing to go the extra mile when called upon. The team has often gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist families of newborns with clothing, toys and other items. These acts of generosity clearly reflect their commitment and love of their patients.

"It is an honor to recognize Taylor Caldwell as employee of the year, and the OB nursing staff as team of the year," said Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Health System Administrator. "Each of these individuals is vital in helping to create our vision of healthy American Indians through informed choices and excellent health services."

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Farmers' Market Nutrition Program provides fresh fruit, produce to elders

The Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market Nutrition Program began on May 1, 2009.

The Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market program provides checks to be used for the purchase of Oklahoma grown fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers' markets and farm stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation and surrounding areas.

All Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) participants are eligible for the program and will receive their farmers' market checks in local WIC offices during regularly scheduled pick up appointments.

Seniors are eligible for the program if they meet the following guidelines:

Meet income requirements

Receive services from the Chickasaw Nation Health System

Native American 55 years of age or older and a CDIB card holder

Non-Native American 60 years of age or older living in a Native American household

Disabled persons under 60 years of age living in housing for elderly with congregate nutrition services

Disabled Chickasaw citizens are also eligible for the program (as determined by SSI).

Applications can be received by mail or picked up at WIC and Food Distribution Program sites in Ada, Ardmore, Purcell, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan, Marlow or Achille. The application can also be found at www.chickasaw.net.

The Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market checks for seniors will be issued according to an issuance calendar that will be distributed with all applications. The issuance calendar will list the date, time and location for check pick-up.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Hayes or Leah Delozier at (888) 436-7255 or (580) 436-7255.

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Tip of the Month

By Anona McCullar

Low Back Pain and Prevention

Almost all low back pain can be attributed to a "rounded" lower back. What this means is that instead of having an arch that in a sense makes your behind stick out, your lower back rounds during exercise making you look like The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Avoid this at all costs, please!

The shape of your spine should look like a thin "S" shape, start from your head going down to your behind. When people exercise/workout, this "S" shape should truly be staying the same and not returning to a "C" shape. A good tip to remember when exercising is to remember that your lower back should never be rounded. Always keep an arch so that you will avoid stressing any of the discs in your spine, ensuring that your spine will function properly and allow you not to have low-back pain.

Full-time positions open at Chickasaw Nation Health System

The Chickasaw Nation Health System has full-time, immediate openings within the tribal boundaries for qualified medical personnel in the following specialties:

- 2 Physical Therapists, Ada
- 1 Dentist, Ada
- 1 Internal Medicine Physician, Ada
- 1 Dentist, Tishomingo Clinic

For details on any of the professional positions listed above, please contact:

Ronnie Shaw, Professional Recruiter
Chickasaw Nation Health System
(580) 272-7272 ronnie.shaw@chickasaw.net
Beth Campbell, Staff Recruiter
Chickasaw Nation Health System
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Children, parents fill Agri-Plex for annual Children's Fair

ADA, Okla. - Almost 2,000 children and parents attended the 2009 Children's Fair was Saturday, April 25 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex.

This year's event helps celebrate Week of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This year's theme for Week of the Young Child was "Bring Communities Together for Children-Children Bring Communities Together."

"We hope that this event will encourage the importance of safety, education and overall wellness in our youth," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Together, we are making a lifelong investment in future generations to come."

The free family-oriented event featured prizes, information booths, food, entertainment, rides, a petting zoo, clowns, balloon art, face painting, martial arts and many other activities throughout the day.

Featured events included performances by children from the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center, the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe, Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli group, a fashion show including traditional dress, the 14th annual Diaper Dash and much more.

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2009 Diaper Dash Winners were 4th Place , Allison Collins, daughter of Joey and Danna Collins, of Coleman, Okla.; Gold Medal Winner , Olivia Jones, daughter of Amanda Jones, of Ada, Okla.; Bronze Medal Winner, Hailey Burnett, daughter of Nikki Miller, of Ada; and Silver Medal Winner, Sam Nicholls, son of Jennifer Nicholls, of Ada.

Marcy Gray

Spencer Gore enjoys the petting zoo at the Children's Fair.

Autumn Sutton plays with sand at the Children's Fair.

Christian Wiggins shows off his face paint.

Get Fresh! healthy food preparation program sets classes for area cities

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington
May 5: 10 a.m. and noon
May 7: 10 a.m. and noon
May 12: 10 a.m. and noon
May 14: 10 a.m. and noon
June 2: 10 a.m. and noon
June 4: 10 a.m. and noon
June 9: 10 a.m. and noon
June 11: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook
May 6: 10 a.m. and noon
May 13: 10 a.m. and noon
May 14: 6 p.m.
June 3: 10 a.m. and noon
June 10: 10 a.m. and noon
June 11: 6 p.m.
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.
May 5: 10 a.m. and noon
May 6: 10 a.m. and noon
May 12: 10 a.m. and noon
May 13: 10 a.m. and noon
June 2: 10 a.m. and noon
June 3: 10 a.m. and noon
June 9: 10 a.m. and noon
June 10: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.
May 5: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
May 8: 10 a.m. and noon
May 12: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
May 15: 10 a.m. and noon
June 2: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
June 5: 10 a.m. and noon
June 9: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
June 12: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (405) 527-6967.

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family! Leave with recipes, nutrition education and new ideas to cook healthier every day! Classes offered on each day feature the same recipes during the times of availability.

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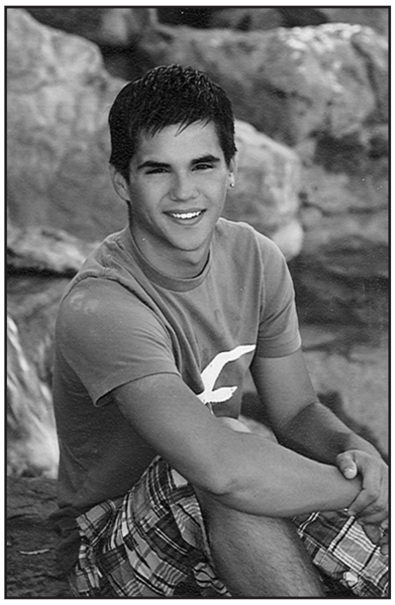


Aaron Montoya is a 2009 graduate of Centennial High School, Frisco, Texas. He is the son of Charles and Laurie Montoya. He is the grandson of Guy and Gloria McElroy.

Aaron has received many awards in music. He was a participant at All State and a five-time All Region and plays with the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra.

His plans are to attend the University of Texas to major in music performance.

Whittney Cheyenne Black

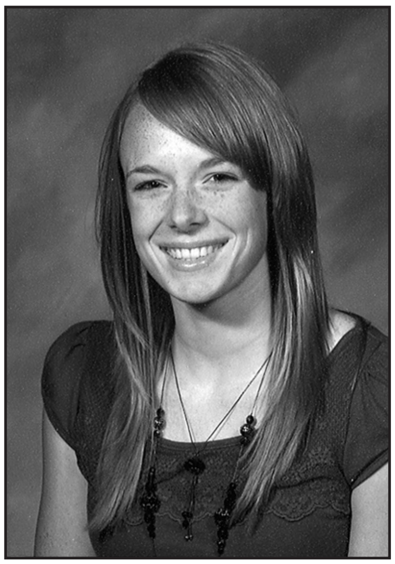
2009
SENIOR

Whittney Cheyenne Black is a 2009 graduate of Luther High School, Luther, Okla. She is the daughter of Wyatt and Shawna Stastny. She is the granddaughter of Gary and Paula Jones and Carolyn Stastny.

Whittney has attended the Luther School System for 13 years. She has been a member of the fast-pitch softball team for four years as starting pitcher and team captain. She is a member of the National Honor Society for three years, yearbook staff for two years, served as a class officer for three years, and crowned the football homecoming queen for 2008-2009.

Her plans are to attend college to pursue a career in the medicine.

Caitlyn Victoria Dowdy

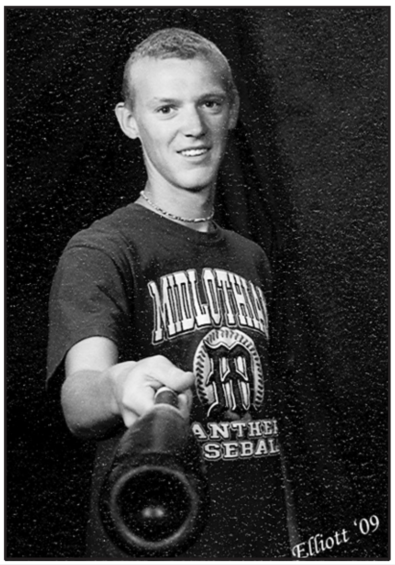


Caitlyn Victoria Dowdy is a 2009 graduate of Plano East Senior High School, Plano, Texas. She is the daughter of David C. Dowdy and Linda Cress Dowdy. She is the granddaughter of tribal member the late John and Edith Dowdy, of China Springs, Texas, and Robert L. and Majorie Wagner Cress, of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Caitlyn will graduate distinguished in June 2009. She is a varsity cheerleader, was a member of the award winning Panther Marching Band, and teaches gymnastics and cheerleading to preschool girls through a program run by the city of Plano.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, to major in the Business Administration Entrepreneurship Program.

Elliott Marshall



Elliott Marshall is a 2009 graduate of Midlothian High School, Midlothian, Texas. She is the daughter of Mike and Candy Marshall and the granddaughter of Wayne and Georgeanna Black.

Elliott runs track and cross-country. He played baseball for three years. He is active in his church, First Baptist Midlothian.

His plans are to run cross-country at Western Texas College, Snyder and to pursue a degree in turf management and landscaping technology. He was awarded a scholarship from the turf management and landscape department.

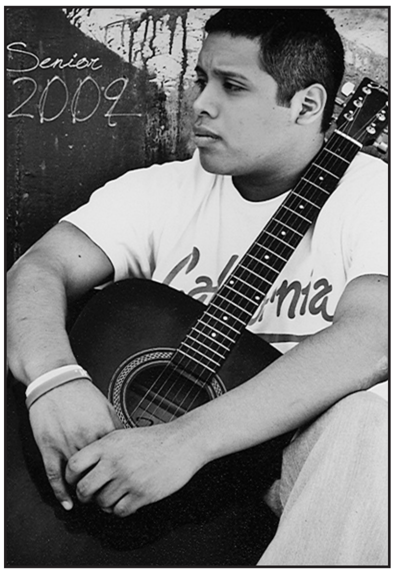
Leslie Chris Wesberry

Leslie Chris Wesberry, Jr., is a 2009 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. He is the son of Chris and Stacy Wesberry. He is the grandson of Lewis and Lucretia Wesberry, of Hendrix, Okla., Chuck and Betty Wasson, of Dickinson, Texas, and the late Joe and Peggy Riddle of Ada, Okla.

His student activities include: STUCO – four years, Native American Club – three years, baseball – four years, football – four years. His other activities include being a member of Chickasaw Nation Leadership Class I, Ardmore Cardinals American Legion baseball team, Oklahoma Junior Sunbelt baseball team, and Midwest Wolverines Elite Traveling baseball team (Wichita, KS). His awards and honors include: senior class vice president, junior class president, sophomore class vice president, freshman class president, STUCO vice president, academic athlete – three years, Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Club member – four years, 2007 JOM Baseball Player of the Year, 2008 Chickasaw Nation Athlete of the Year, 2008 THS Baseball Offensive Player of the Year, 2009 Baseball All-Conference team, 2007 Chickasaw Nation Baseball Camp MVP, 2008 KXII A+ Athlete, Oklahoma Honor Society – four years, THS Mr. Indian Candidate – three years, 2007 and 2008 Baseball District Champs, 2009 prom king and 2008 JOM Baseball Player of the Year.

His plans include attending Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville, Texas, on a full scholarship he received to play Division I JUCO baseball. Following graduation from Lon Morris with an associate's degree in business management , he plans to transfer to a 4-year Division I university to continue his baseball career and pursue a bachelor's degree in non-profit management. Following graduation, if he is not in the "big leagues," he will seek a position with a non-profit organization with the goal of becoming CEO of the company and pursuing a dream of helping Americans that are down to become all they were meant to be.

Sheldon Lee Bond

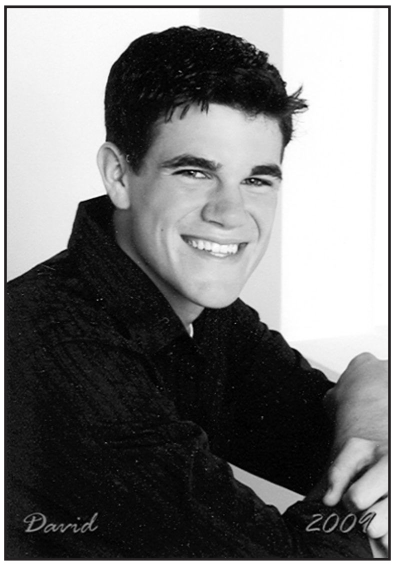


Sheldon Lee Bond is a 2009 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Ronald and Neva Bond, of Ada, Okla., and the sister to Leah. He is the grandson of Cuma Bond, of Ada, and the late Joe and Ruth Frazier.

Sheldon attended the Latta School System for 12 years. He was involved in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), and was a member of the varsity basketball team for four years. His hobbies include playing his guitar, basketball, paintball, hanging with friends and attending Christian contemporary concerts with his youth group. He attends Ada First Indian Baptist Church and enjoys attending Indian Falls Creek every summer. He currently serves as president of the Chi-Ka-Sha Baptist Association Youth Group.

Sheldon's plans are to attend East Central University, Ada.

David Mansfield

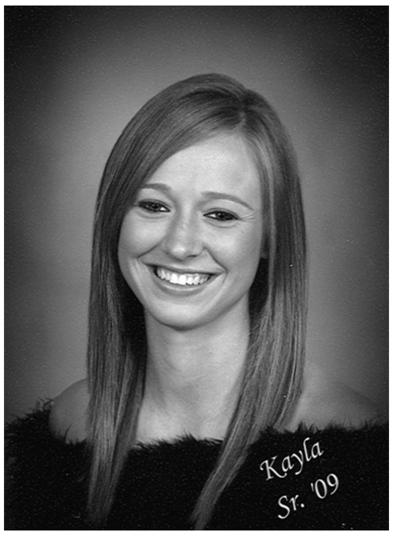


David Mansfield is a 2009 graduate of Franklin Road Christian School, Novi, Mich. He is the son of Mike and Relna Mansfield, of Farmington, Mich. He is the grandson of Al and Virginia Collins.

David has a grade point average of 3.8 and a cumulative grade point average of 3.4. He has been on the honor roll since his freshman year. His athletic achievements include: Basketball - 2009 All-State, Detroit Free Press Dream Team – Class D-Fifth Team, 2007, 2008, 2009 All-Conference (first team), 2008, 2009, 2006 All-Conference (second team), MIAC League MVP, 2007, 2008, 2009 Team MVP, 2008, 2009 team captain, 2009 Oakland County Press Top 50 high school players, 2007 Air Force Basketball Camp Falcon Award; soccer - 2008 team captain, 2008 Team MVP, 2008 All Conference (first team), 2006 All Conference (second team), 2005 Most Improved Player: baseball - 2008 team captain, team MVP, 2007, 2008 All-Conference (first team), 2006 All-Conference (honorable mention), 2006 All-District Infield Player, 2006 Academic All-District, 2006 travel baseball team tournament at Cooperstown, N.Y. His civic involvements include: El Salvador mission trip, 2008, volunteer camera work and media tech at Brightmoor Christian Church, frequent volunteer for feeding the hungry in Detroit (Brightmoor Prayer House), bell ringer for Salvation Army 2006-2008, mission trip to Arkansas Children's Home, 2007, Bolivia Mission Outreach trip serving churches, schools, and orphanages, 2007 and Live Challenge Outreach. He currently works as an umpire and referee for Farmington Park District, landscaping and camp councilor for the City of Farmington. His leadership roles include, Servant Leadership Award 2005, 2006 and 2008, he is active in student government, youth group drama team national participant (top 20 in USA), team leader of pre-service prayer, bible study leader, leader of athletes at school-sponsored basketball and baseball camps.

His plans are to pursue a career as a high school history and math teacher.

Kayla Nicole Watkins



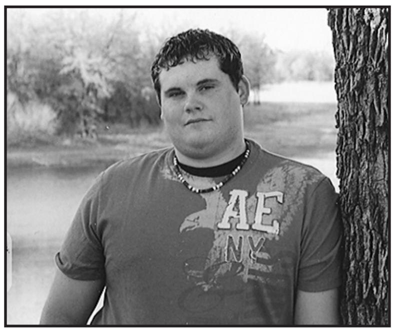
Kayla Nicole Watkins is a 2009 graduate of Dibble High School, Dibble, Okla. She is the daughter of Dewayne and Trina Watkins and sister to Amber. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Faye Watkins, of Dibble, and Mike and Dois Anderson, of Noble, Okla.

Kayla is a member of the National Honor Society, Principal's Honor Roll, student council delegate, and senior class vice-president. She maintains a 3.52 grade point average and is ranked 11th in her class. She is a varsity member and serves as captain of the fast-pitch softball (pitcher), basketball and slow-pitch softball teams. She received honorable mention Grady County All-Tournament Team and honorable mention Big 8 All-Conference team in basketball. She crowned 2008-2009 basketball and football homecoming queen.

Kayla plans to attend the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, at Chickasha, to major in business and minor in physical education.

She has set many goals for her life and is excited to see where her life leads.

Dakota Lee Davies



Dakota Lee Davies is a 2009 graduate of Marlow High School, Marlow, Okla. He is the son of David and Lorri Davies. He is the grandson of the late Bill Gibson, Kaylynn and the late Bill Alexander.

Dakota was active in football, track, Future Farmers of America (FFA) and yearbook. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and riding his new dirt bike. He is 1/8 Chickasaw-Choctaw.

Dakota plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla.

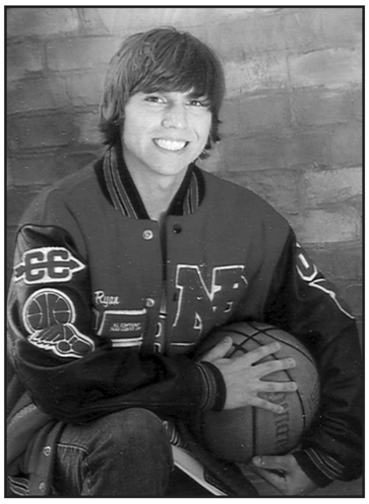
Brianne Bryant

Brianne Bryant is a 2009 graduate of Lexington High School, Lexington, Okla. She is the daughter of Faron and Nanette (Stutte) Bryant. She is the granddaughter of Irene (Williams) Stutte and the late Lawrence Stutte, and Esther Bryant and the late W.C. (Corky) Bryant.

Brianne has been active in Southern Accents show choir, women's ensemble and mass choir. She is a member of the Spanish Club, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), and attends the First Baptist Church in Lexington. She plays fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball, basketball and track. In track she has been a state qualifier in four events her freshman through junior years. She placed sixth in 100 meter as a freshman and fourth in long jump as a junior. She was named All-City player for slow-pitch in 2008. She was selected for All-State fast-pitch softball in 2008.

She plans to attend Murray State College where she has signed to play softball and study physical education and coaching.

Ryan Neil Norman



Ryan Neil Norman is a 2009 graduate of North Branch Senior High School, North Branch, Minn. He is the son of Kendall and Kristy Norman. He is the grandson of Betty Makintubbee the late Ben Norman, Betty Proffer and the late Edwin Proffer.

Ryan was a four-year letterman and received All-Conference awards in cross-country, basketball and track and served as team captain for two years. He participated at state in track and cross-country leading to a scholarship award to Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

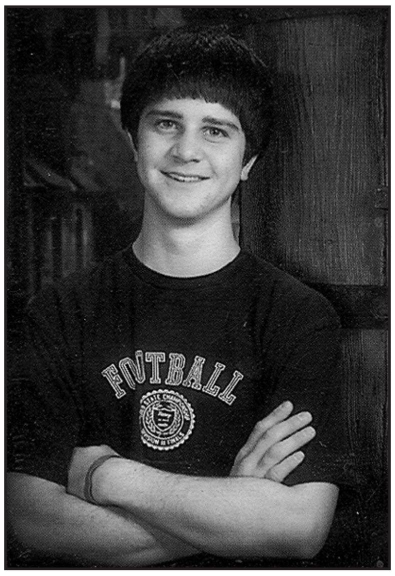
Magan LaNae Doss

Magan LaNae Doss is a 2009 graduate of Tuttle High School, Tuttle, Okla. She is the daughter of Aaron and Kandi Link. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Jeanette Haywood.

Magan has been a member of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), the Principal's and Superintendent's Honor Roll, manager of the Tiger baseball team for three years, competed in All-Star Cheer for eight years, lettered in golf one year, and was a semi-finalist in Miss Oklahoma Teen USA in 2007. She is a member of Snow Hill Baptist Church in Tuttle and is currently employed by Physical Therapy Central in Newcastle, Okla.

She plans to attend Oklahoma City Community College where she has been accepted into the physical therapy assistant program. She plans to obtain her associates degree in applied science with future plans of pursuing her masters degree in physical therapy.

Bryce Bush



Bryce Bush is a 2009 graduate of Durant High School, Durant, Okla. He is the son of Lynn Bush and Charlotte Morgan. He is the grandson of Linda Bush McGuire, the late R.L. Bush, and Wes and Carla Dillard. He is the great-grandson of Norman Dee Wells an original enrollee.

Bryce is a member of the varsity football and baseball teams for the Durant Lions. He is a member of the Principal's Honor roll, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), and is active in the youth group at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

His plans are to attend either Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, or Grayson County College, Denison, Texas, to pursue a career as a physical therapist.

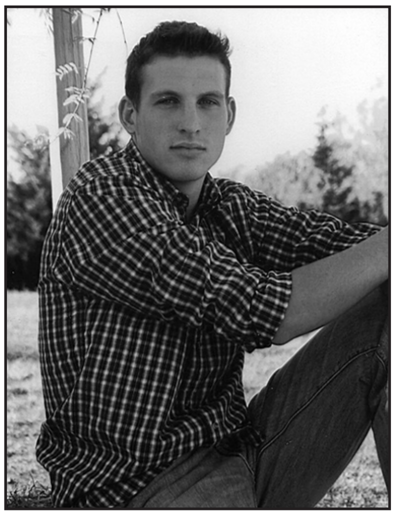
Mariah Nicole Soliz

Mariah Nicole Soliz is a 2009 graduate of Moore High School, Moore, Okla. He is the son of Mike and Sandra Soliz. He is the grandson of Ed and Rosie Soliz, of Oklahoma City, and the late Josie Thayer. She has one brother, Nicholaus Soliz, and is the niece of Libby Thayer and Donald Thayer, both of Mill Creek, Okla., Michael Thayer, of Oklahoma City, Brenda and Darrell Tannehill, of Lexington, Okla., Leonard and Lucy Soliz, of Moore, and Gilbert and Shelly Soliz, of Yukon, Okla.

Mariah is ranked in the top 10% on her senior class. She is involved in the National Honor Society, Key Club (secretary), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Spanish Club, and Freshman Utilizing Senior Experience (senior mentor).

Her plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, to major in accounting.

Tyler Brannon

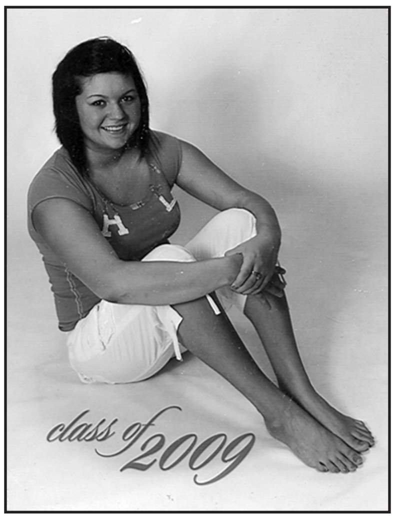


Tyler Brannon is a 2009 graduate of Moore High School, Moore, Okla. He is the son of Harley Brannon and Jennifer and Yancey Bishop. He is the grandson of Arthur and Janis Williamson and Harvey and Yvonne Brannon.

Tyler has maintained a 3.80 grade point average and is ranked 45th out of 521 students. He is a member of the National Honor Society and DECA. He was a starter his junior and senior year of the Moore Lions baseball team, playing outfield.

His plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, to major in the medical field as a physicians assistant.

Stormie Day Fields

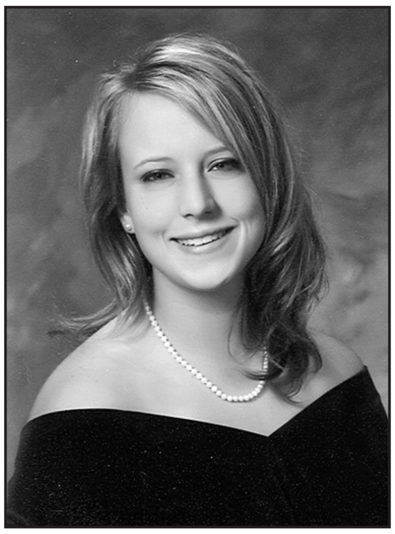


Stormie Day Fields is a 2009 graduate of City View High School, Wichita Falls, Texas. She is the daughter of Terry Fields and Melissa Syzmanski. She is the granddaughter of the late Bill and Freda Waltz and the late Reece and Sally Fields.

Stormie received her CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) certificate through the school's nursing program. She is involved in basketball and is a varsity cheerleader.

Her plans are to stay involved in the medical field and live life to the fullest.

Hailey Craighead

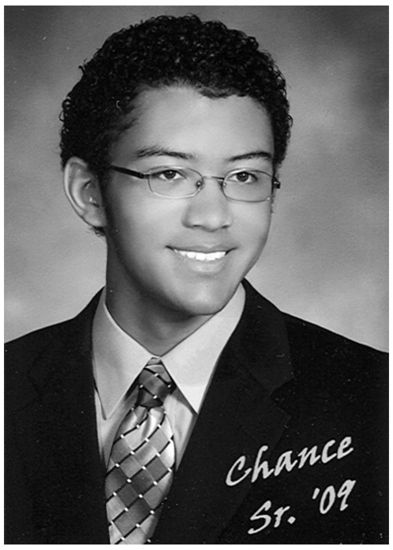


Hailey Craighead is a 2009 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla.. She is the daughter of Mel and Deana Craighead. She is the granddaughter of T.C. and Billye Joy Craighead, Helen McReynolds and the late Joe McReynolds.

Hailey lettered four years in softball, two years in tennis, named to the 2008-2009 Southern Oklahoma All-Star softball team, 2008 state qualifier in singles tennis, Chickasaw Nation Student of the Year (2007 and 2008), 2009 Ardmore JOM Outstanding High School Student, Rotary Student of the Month, USAA National Award in cheer, sports and academics.

Her plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma to pursue a career in physical therapy.

Chance Brown

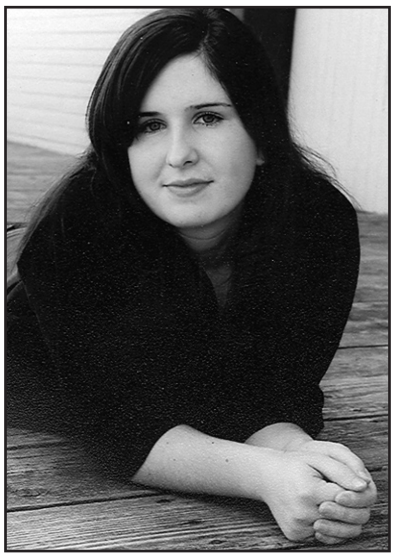


Chance Brown is a 2009 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. He is the son of Peggy Brawley and Kelvin Bates. He is the grandson of Betty Shelton.

Chance has been a member of the Chickasaw's Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll. He was a four-year member of student council and the art club, receiving the Art Award in 2006, 2007 and 2008. He was a two-year Pickens District Chickasaw Youth Council member, active in Chickasaw Nation Apihchi Ikbi program, and chosen Chickasaw Artist of the Year in 2007 and 2008. He received the Citizenship Award for seven years, served as a Chickasaw Nation summer youth participant. He has had his artwork exhibited at Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum (2000), Lake Murray Tourism Office (age 9), designed art quilt before State Representatives (2000), attended Belize Mission Trip in 2008 and 2009, Washington D.C. mid-year conference in 2008, placed first at Regional MSC Scholastic Meet Art Portfolio Division, artwork placed at convention center for Teacher Appreciation Week, winner of S.E.A.S.A.M (Southeastern Art Show and Market) and had artwork place at Goddard Center. Chance was voted most talented of his senior class.

His plans are to pursue a career in art studies.

Heather Etheridge

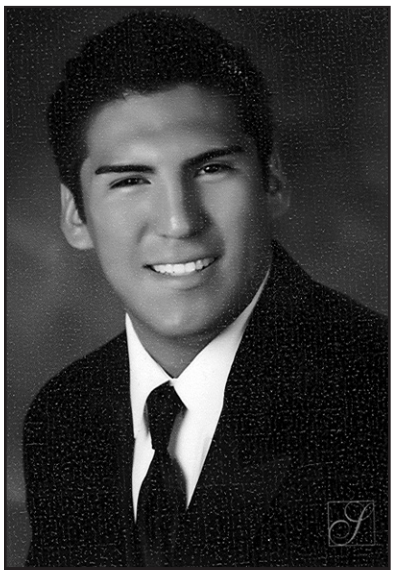


Heather Etheridge, of Justin, Texas, is a 2009 home school graduate. She is the daughter of Joel and Janice Etheridge. She is the granddaughter of Gerald and Linda Etheridge and Ovida Day.

Heather is involved with her church, sings in the praise band. She takes dual credit at Tarrant County College and enjoys spending time with her family.

She plans to take basic courses at Tarrant County College and then transfer to a university to complete her degree.

Nickolas Jimmie Roberts



Nickolas Jimmie Roberts is a 2009 graduate of Westmoore High School, Moore, Okla. He is the son of Kari Roberts and Robin Roberts. He is the grandson of Myles and Sandy Homer, Regina Roberts and the late Jim Roberts.

Nickolas was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), and was a Masonic Student of Today nominee for two consecutive years. He is a three-year letterman in football and was named to the Midstate All Conference, 6A-2 All District Team, and 6A Superstar Team.

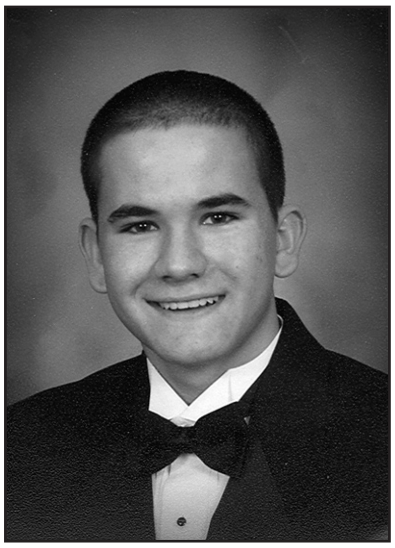
His plans are to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. He wants to be used by God.

Stonie-Rose Stepps

Stonie-Rose Stepps is a 2009 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Billy and Denise Clark. She is the granddaughter of Gene and Rose Jefferson.

We are so proud of you! We all love you very much!

Joshua Hatton

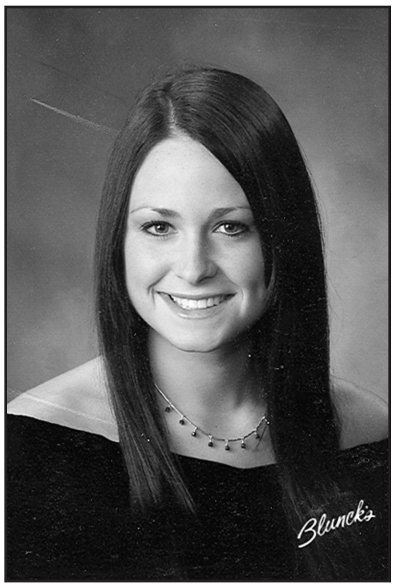


Joshua Hatton is a 2009 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Tracy and Charlotte Hatton, of Ada, Okla.

Joshua has been involved in many organizations throughout high school. He is a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Honor Society, National Honor Society, and the National Society of High School Scholars.

His plans are to attend East Central University, Ada.

Kelsie Dawn Sweat

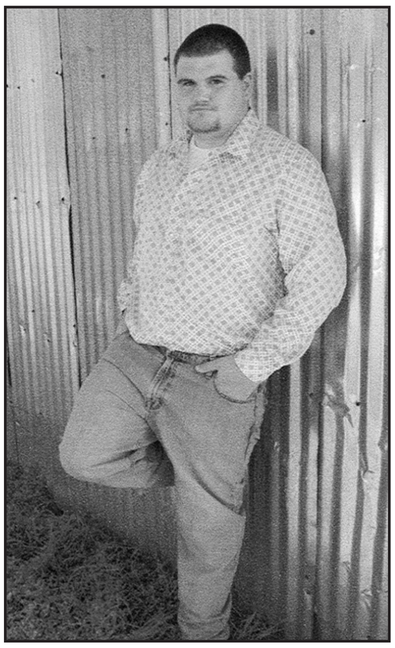


Kelsie Dawn Sweat is a 2009 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. She is the daughter of Hugh Don and Shelli Sweat. She is the granddaughter of Don and Betty Sweat, of Lula, Okla., Gary and Lynda Franklin, of Fayetteville, Ark., and the late Palmer Mosely IV. She is a direct descendant of the late Chickasaw Governor Palmer Mosely and his wife Amanda Greenwood-Mosely, original enrollees.

Kelsie has been active in basketball for four years, softball three years and track one year and was a member of the Lake Country All-Area First Team for softball her sophomore year. She was a member of the Lake Country All-Area First Team for basketball her junior and senior years. She had the most assist in the state (4A girls basketball) her sophomore and junior years and was chosen the 2009 MHS Basketball Homecoming Queen. She qualified for state in pole-vaulting her sophomore year. She recently received a Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics. Kelsie is graduating in the top 10 percent of her senior class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Principal's Leadership Council, Native American Club, Chickasaw Honor Club, Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Youth Leadership, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), and a member of the yearbook staff for three years. She serves as president of the senior class student council, voted 2008-2009 Miss MHS, active in Madill First Baptist Church youth group, Johnson O'Malley (JOM) "All Around Student" in 2006 and 2008, and JOM "Top Achiever" in 2007.

Kelsie plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Cory Stephens

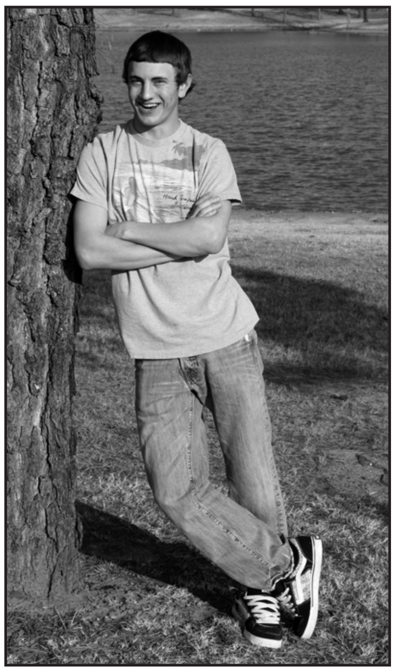


Cory Stephens is a 2009 graduate of Antlers High School, Antlers, Okla. He is the son of Glenn and Mandy Stephens. He is the grandson of Carl and JoAnn Stephens, Ruby Knight, TiQuillia Smith and David McClain.

Cory was active in football, powerlifting, track, and loves to fish and hunt.

His plans are to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, and to work at Indian Nation Wholesale in Durant.

T. Tucker Speir



T. Tucker Speir is a 2009 graduate of Bristow High School, Bristow, Okla. He is the son of Terry and Lynn (Stutte) Speir, of Castle, Okla., and the brother of Alex Gene Speir, of Amherst, Mass. He is the grandson of Teddy and Gene Speir, of Castle, and Irene (Williams) Stutte and the late L.A. Stutte, of Clarita, Okla. He is 15/64 Chickasaw and is the great-grandson of the late Silas and Eula Keel Williams.

Tucker attended schools at Bearden and Mason Elementary Schools before moving to Bristow schools in the third grade. His awards and honors include, Student of Today (elementary and middle school), Student of the Month (six years), Superintendent's Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll, District and State History Day (two years), academic team (three years), District and State Geography Bee, middle school and high school choir (four years), high school musicals (five years), baseball, marching and concert band (seven years), jazz band (four years), Chickasaw Baseball Camp, career day, various Johnson O'Malley (JOM) activities, 2008 Oklahoma Boy's State, and Student of Excellence Award from the Tulsa Chapter of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce. He is completing a two-year automotive technology program at Central Vo-tech at Drumright, Okla. He plays the trumpet at various veterans' events.

Tucker has been accepted at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, University of Central Oklahoma and has completed coursework at Northeastern A&M College at Miami, Okla. After graduation his plans are to work while attending college. He major is undecided.

Jerris Dee Egge

Jerris Dee Egge is a 2009 graduate of Hemet High School, Hemet, Calif. She is the daughter of Walter and Sheila Egge. She is the granddaughter of Walt Egge and Val Jack Egge. She is the great-granddaughter of Walter Jack an original enrollee.

Jerris started school at Newcastle, Okla., and moved to Virginia after first grade and then onto California due to her father being on active duty in the U.S. Navy. Jerris has led a very active life during her high school years. She has held numerous positions in Air Force JROTC and received experience flying a T-38 at Edwards Air Force Base with an U.S. Air Force General. She was accepted to attend the Aerospace and Technology Honors Camp in New Mexico and attended a summer seminar at the Air Force Academy in Colorado. She is very active in theatre, golf, track and the Disability Awareness Club at school. She received numerous awards in JROTC, theatre, golf, track and academics. In her spare time she volunteers at a therapeutic horseback riding facility for handicapped children and adults and tutors elementary children in math and works as a part-time babysitter.

Jerris has received and accepted a four-year Navy scholarship and will attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, to study pre-med and work towards a career to be a plastic and reconstructive surgeon.

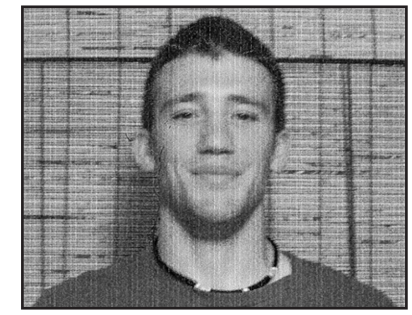
Haven Dianna Nutt

Haven Diana Nutt is a 2009 graduate of Oxford High School, Oxford, Miss. She is the daughter of Houston and Diana Nutt. She is the granddaughter of Armedia Thomas and great-granddaughter of Art Willis and original enrollee.

Haven lettered in basketball two years and volleyball four years. She served as school mascot of Fayetteville High School for three years, cheerleader for one year. She received the Bronze Pres. Award for community service, Invisible Children Leader, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) for four years, honor roll, and the member of the Chickasaw Honor Club.

Haven plans to attend Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif., where she received a scholarship in theater/television.

Justin Dean Helms

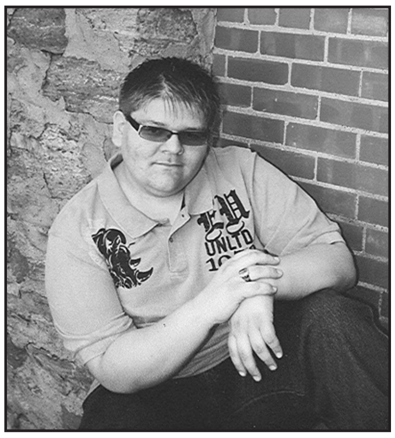


Justin Dean Helms is a 2009 graduate of Maypearl High School, Maypearl, Texas. He is the son of Gail and Gary Helms. He is the grandson of Ann and Wildo Alexander.

Justin has been a member of the varsity football team for three years, serving as team captain the last two years. He was named first team All-District Defensive End 2007-2009, first team All-District Lineman 2008-2009, and second team All-District Tight End 2006-2008. He was a member of the UIL One Act Play and was selected All Star Cast at the district showing. He has been a member of the varsity track team since 2006 and participated in disc, shot, pole vaulting, 4x200 relay and the 110 high hurdles.

His plans are to attend Blinn (Texas) Junior College, to pursue a degree in computer science which will be used to obtain a position with the FBI.

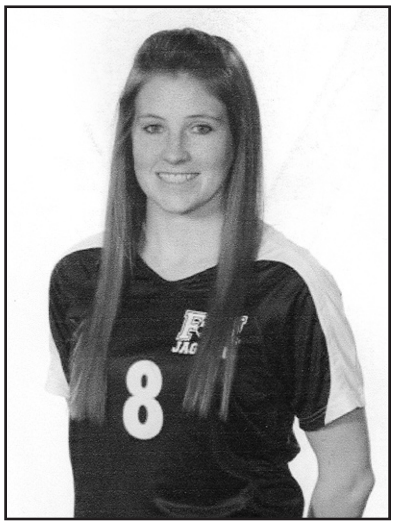
Cody Dane Bridgman



Cody Dane Bridgman is a 2009 graduate of Marlow High School, Marlow, Okla. He is the son of Roger and Dena Bridgman. He is the grandson of Gerald and Pat Howard and Joe and Letha Washum.

Cody enjoys art and literature. He is active in his church youth group and has worked for the Chickasaw Nation summer youth program for the past three years.

His plans are to attend college to major in arts with emphasis on literature and to become an author.



Katy Black

Katy Black is a 2009 graduate of Flower Mound High School, Flower Mound, Texas. She is the daughter of Lyndon and Megan Black. She is the granddaughter of Wayne and Georgeanna Black.

Katy has been a select soccer team player for eight years and is currently a senior member of the Lady Jaguars varsity soccer team.

Katy plans to attend Texas Woman's University, Denton where she was awarded a TWU soccer scholarship.

Michael Logan Frazier

Michael Logan Frazier is a 2009 graduate of Allen High School, Allen, Okla. He is the son of Mark Frazier and Oneta Frazier. He is the grandson of Velma Frazier, the late George Frazier, Marilyn Brown, and the late Fred M. Brown. He is the great-grandson of the late Flora Perry and the late Frank Frazier, the late Houston and Martha Stick and Ronald and Dorothy Wolford.

Michael has been active in football, basketball and baseball. He was named to the eight-man football All-Star team his senior year. He was nominated homecoming king candidate his sophomore years and crowned homecoming king in basketball his senior year. He has been a member of the Chickasaw Governor's Honor Roll, the Superintendent's Honor Roll and received the Student of Today Award.

Congratulations Michael, we are proud of you!

Love,
Your family

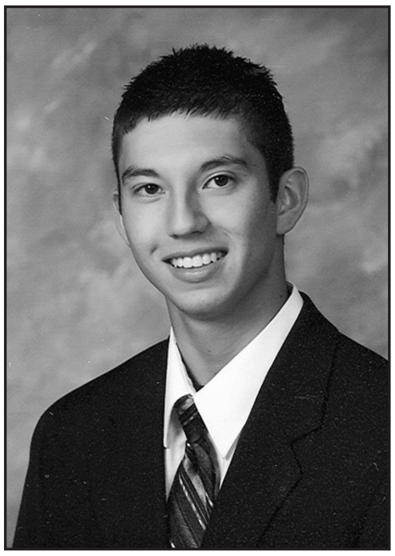
Ashleigh Stonebarger

Ashleigh Stonebarger is a 2009 graduate of Caddo High School, Caddo, Okla. She is the daughter of Dr. James and Susan Stonebarger, of Durant, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Branch, of Milburn, Okla., and Edgar and Hazel Dilbeck, of Coleman, Okla.

Ashleigh has been a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and basketball. She is currently an employee of Wal Mart.

Her plans are to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant to major in nursing.

Zakkary W. Pettigrew



Zakkary W. Pettigrew is a 2009 graduate of Lone Grove High School, Lone Grove, Okla. He is the son of Joe and Stacey Pettigrew. He is the grandson of Emma Pettigrew, W.C. Pettigrew, Dana McMillan and Rocky and Janie Southerland.

Zakkary is active in band, NHS Club and yearbook. He will serve as valedictorian of his graduating class. He is on the Chickasaw Governor's Honor Roll, Superintendent's Honor Roll, the National Honor Society, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students,* Blue Scholar, American Scholar and carries a 3.86 grade point average.

His plans are to attend Southeastern Oklahoma University, Durant.

I am very proud of my son! He has worked very hard in school and has strived to be the best. He will succeed in whatever he wants to. I love you Zakk more than you'll ever know. I will always be here for you and will always be behind you in whatever course you choose to take in your life.

Caitlin L. Hudson

Caitlin L. Hudson is a 2009 graduate of Harrah High School, Harrah, Okla. She is the daughter of Casey and Angela Hudson. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Shirley Bailey, the late Kenneth Hudson, and Barbara McCurdy. She is the great-granddaughter of the Ethel and the late G.C. Harrington, Beulah Snider, and Donald and the late Thelma Bailey.

Caitlin served as a geometry tutor, member of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Future Farmers of America (FFA), 4-H, and served as Oklahoma County 4-H representative. She currently attends concurrent college classes at Redlands Community College at El Reno, Okla., and will continue her education at Redlands pursuing a major in pre-vet medicine and a minor in agriculture education. After graduation from Redlands Community College she hopes to transfer to Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, to attend veterinarian school to pursue a career as a specialty large animal veterinarian.

Christopher G. May

Christopher G. May is a 2009 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Reba and George Hernandez and Clark May. He is the grandson of Carol Stout, the late Florence Stout and Betty Dodd, the great-grandson of Ruby McKinney and the great-great-grandson of Caroline Milligan and Lucy Colbert Hawkins.

Chris loves to read, play video games and spending time with his pets. He is a wonderful son, caring, giving and shy and a great sense of humor. He has faced many hardships but has somehow managed to overcome them and has become a great young man. Words can't express how proud we are to be a part of his life. We wish you well on your journey into adulthood and know we can expect great things in your future. May God Bless and watch over you always.

Chris plans to attend computer gaming school at Dallas.

Love,
Mom, George, Dad, Kelli and of course Shane, who will always be close in your heart.

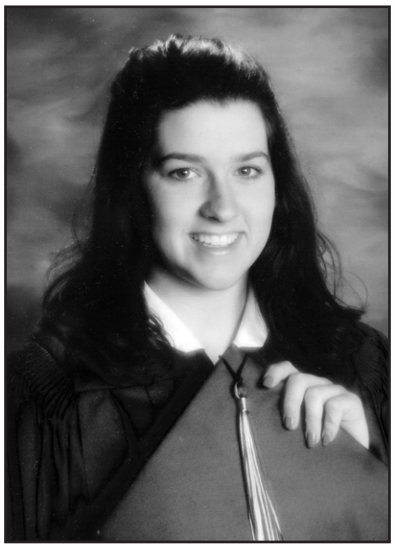
Melissa Gail Archer

Melissa Gail Archer is a 2009 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, Dallas. She is the daughter of Jeff and Carol Archer. She is the granddaughter of Victor and Carolynn Harrison, Robert Archer and Lister Kennedy.

Melissa is a gifted artist and illustrator. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a senior council member and the president of the National Art Honor Society. She has received numerous local and state awards for her art. She is involved with her church and enjoys spending time with friends.

Melissa has been accepted into the Honors College at Texas A&M Commerce and will attend in the fall.

Danielle Jo Taylor



Danielle Jo Taylor is a 2009 graduate of Bullard High School, Bullard, Texas. She is the daughter of Todd and Gina Taylor. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Jenny Roberts, of Lone Grove, Okla.

Danielle's past activities include serving as president of Future Farmers of America (FFA), and the varsity swim team. She lettered in swimming and received numerous awards and recognitions in FFA. She has been a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and active in her youth group at church. She is a member of the Texas Junior Livestock Association, National Junior Swine Association and past president of the Smith County 4-h show team. She has been listed in *Who's Who in National American Students* for two years and has held a part-time job at the local vet and served as mentor. She received the San Antonio Livestock and Rodeo $10,000 Scholarship with a grand champion pig, and received the Smith County Youth Expo Scholarship and will receive a scholarship from the Howard College Judging Team.

She plans to attend Howard College in Big Springs, Texas, where she will be a member of the livestock judging team.

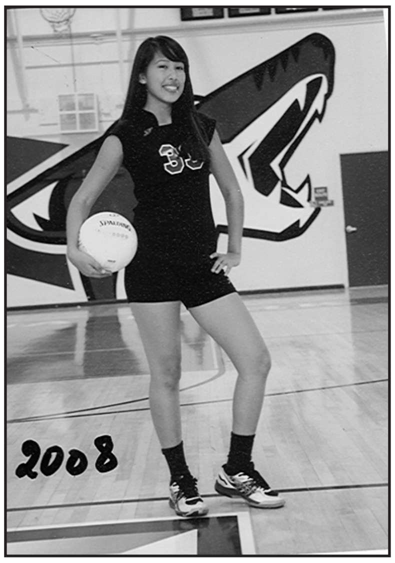
Samantha James

Samantha James is a 2009 graduate of Buena Park High School, Buena Park, Calif. She is the daughter of Patrick and Stacy James. She is the granddaughter of Winnie (Gipson) James, of Anaheim, Calif.

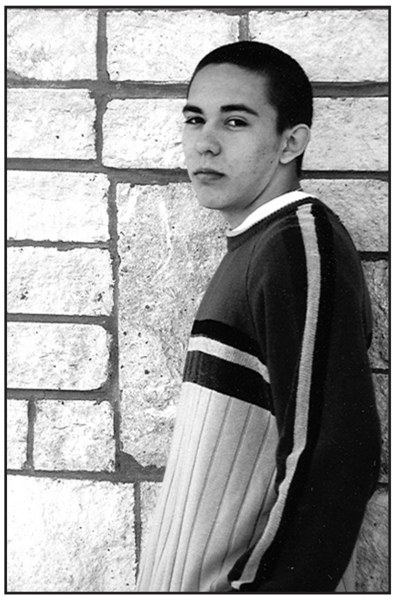
Samantha (Sam) is of Chickasaw, Sioux, and Menominee descent. She was very active in basketball, softball and volleyball at Buena Park High School. She attend the Youth Conference at UCLA for four years and participated as a fancy shaw dancer last year.

She will graduate in June and will continue her education at Fullerton Junior College, Fullerton, Calif.

She is my granddaughter and my pride and joy!



Joshua Aaron Willmond



Joshua Aaron Willmond is a 2009 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. He is the son of Teresa and Brian Kruger and Darryl and Elizabeth Willmond. He is the grandson of Betty Vinson Dodson, the late Ray Vinson, Jr., Martha Willmond and the late Noble Willmond, and Bob and Kathy George.

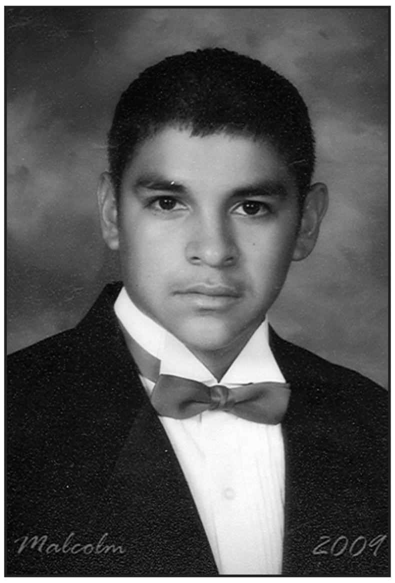
Josh loves to play basketball and spending time with friends and family.

His plans are to attend U.S. Army boot camp at Ft. Benning, Ga., where he plans to build a career in the military.

His parents are very proud of him and wish him luck in all that he does in life.

We love you!

Malcolm C. Casey



Malcolm C. Casey is a 2009 graduate of Stonewall High School, Stonewall, Okla. He is the son of Rolanda Casey, of Stonewall, and Carl Edmonds, of Anadarko, Okla. He is the grandson of Leo Thomas, of Stonewall, and Teresa Edmonds, of Anadarko.

Malcolm was an active and excellent athlete in the Stonewall School System since age 8.

His plans are to attend college.

Good luck!

From,

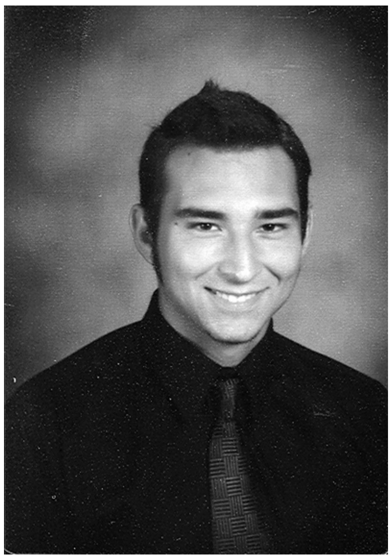
Mom

Sam L. Lewis

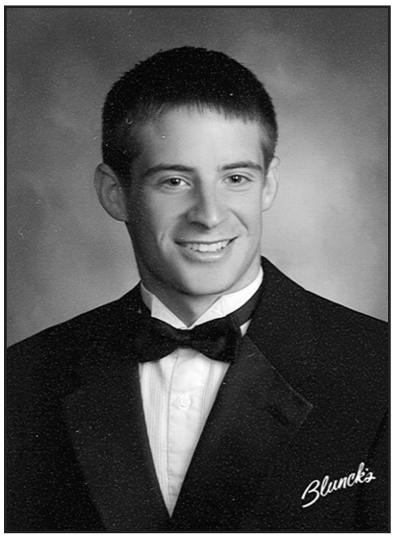
Sam L. Lewis is a 2009 graduate of Truman High School, Independence, Mo. He is the son of Greg and Sandy Lewis and the grandson of Ed and Doris Postoak.

Sam received a community service award for mentoring grade school students. He has worked the last two years in electronics.

His plans are to attend Blue River Community College, Independence, then transfer to a four-year college. He is considering majoring in forensic photography.



Timothy Hardin

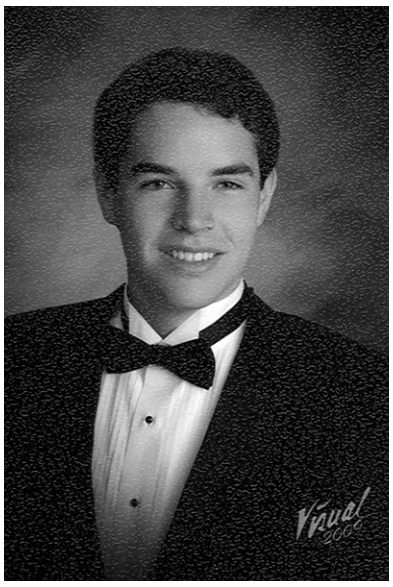


Timothy Hardin is a 2009 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. He is the son of Tommy and Carol Hardin. He is the grandson of Jerry and Lucille (Ayers) Coleman and Irene and the late Clayton Hardin.

Timothy is ranked number six in a class of 90. His accomplishments include a member of the Governor's Honor Roll, a Johnson O'Malley (JOM) top academic student, top 10% of class, National Honor Society, National Honor Roll, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students,* National Achievement Academy, BETA, Future Farmers of America (FFA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), a Rotary Club Student of the Month, wrestling All-Area 2009, sixth in east region, football All-District defensive back, Ardmoreite Super Team, nominated 3A All-Star, 2008-2009 Homecoming King, and served as captain of the football team.

His plans are to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, to major in occupational safety and health.

Ken Lewis

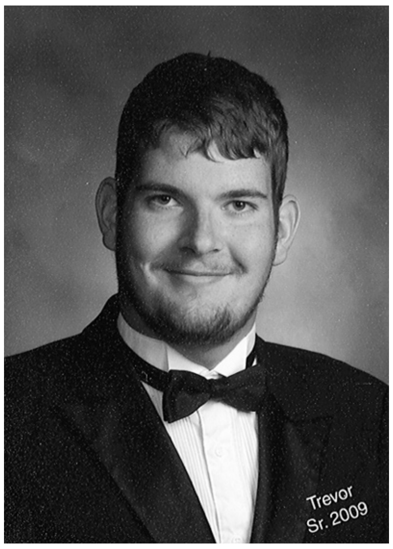


Ken Lewis is a 2009 graduate of Newbury Park High School, Newbury Park, Calif. He is the son of Susan Lewis and Jerry Lewis. He is the grandson of the late Margaret and Derl Burris, and the late Virginia and Robert Lewis.

Ken loves to play the guitar. He designs and builds guitars and is a certified scuba diver. He played varsity volleyball for two years.

His plans are to attend Arizona State University, Tempe to study computer science.

Trevor Lane McClendon



Trevor Lane McClendon is a 2009 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. He is the son of Paul and Shelly McClendon. He is the grandson of Lourene Bolt and Roberta Smith, both of Madill, the late Jack McSwain, and the late Bill and the late Joyce McClendon.

Trevor "T-Mac" has been active in football, baseball, wrestling, track and weight lifting. He is a member of the Native American Club, PLC, Chickasaw Nation Honor Roll, Madill Round-Up Club and First Baptist Church. He was voted "Mr. Wildcat" his junior year and "Most School Spirited" his senior year.

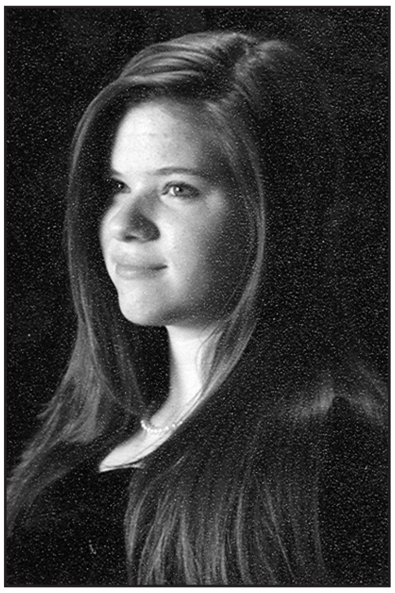
His plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to major in architecture, photography or aeronautics.

Elizabeth Rose Biele

Elizabeth Rose Biele is a 2009 graduate of North Mecklenburg High School, Charlotte, N.C.. She is the daughter of Steven and Deborah Biele, of Charlotte N.C. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Rose Blankenship, of Stonewall, Okla.

Elizabeth is an active member of NC DECA. She has competed with her high school DECA team winning state and competed in April, 2009 at Anaheim, Calif., for the International Career Development Conference.

Her plans are to attend Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C., to pursue a degree as an audiologist.



Michael J. Sanchez

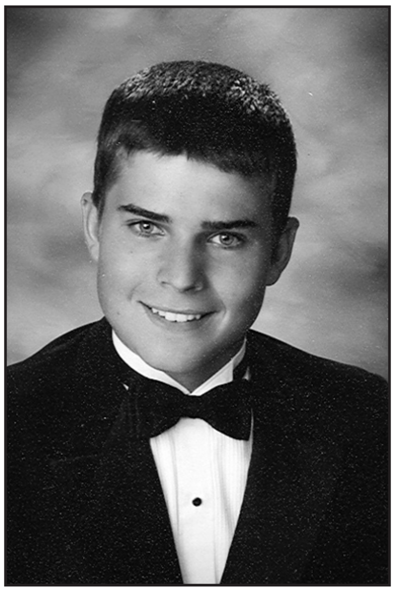
Michael J. Sanchez is a 2009 graduate of Santa Clara High School, Santa Clara, Calif. He is the son of Pete and Lori Sanchez. He is the grandson of Ron and Barbara Cyr. He is the great-grandson of Ermine Francis McGee roll number 3116.

Michael is very proud of his heritage. He will continue to work in the family business while he pursues his interest in heavy equipment operator.

We are proud of you and wish you the best for your future.

We love you!

Grandma and Grandpa



Jaclyn Nicole Nafus

Jaclyn Nicole Nafus is a 2009 graduate of Commerce High School, Commerce, Texas.

Jaclyn is a kind person and has been a good friend to almost everyone she meets. She is happy and has accomplished being in band for six years, a member of the drill team for three years, basketball for five years, volleyball for two years, track for three years and CHS Lady Tigers softball for one year.

Jaclyn, I guess you being the baby of the family we all thought this day would never come. But here it is your time to shine. We are all very proud of you and will be her always to share in your happiness, your tears of joy and to help you with anything in your lifetime. We are proud of all that you have accomplished while in high school and enjoyed each moment that we watched your games, your dance and your music. We know you will accomplish all your future goals because after all you are the baby of the family. Our love surrounds you each and every day. We also know you are going to have a great future and will become one of the greatest known women of the decade.

A Poem for Jaclyn from her mom:

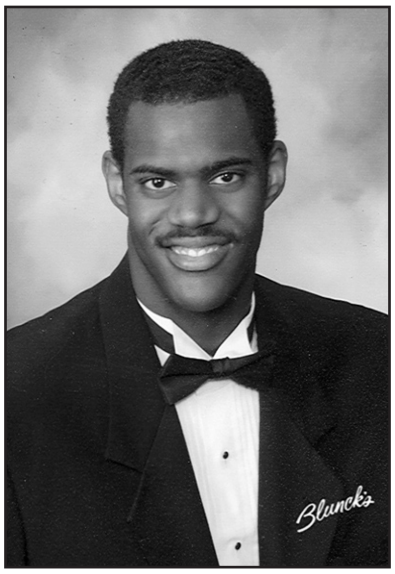
Our lives can change with every breath we take. We've all got meanness is us, but we've got goodness to, and the only thing worth living for is the good. And that is why we have to be sure to pass it on. So let go of what is gone and hold on to what you've got each other. (Written by: Where the Heart is)

Jaclyn plans to attend Hillsboro College or Texas State Technical College.

We love you with all our hearts and soul. Congratulations Baby Girl!

Mom, Christopher, Delisa, Haylee and Chandler

Jacory Shannon

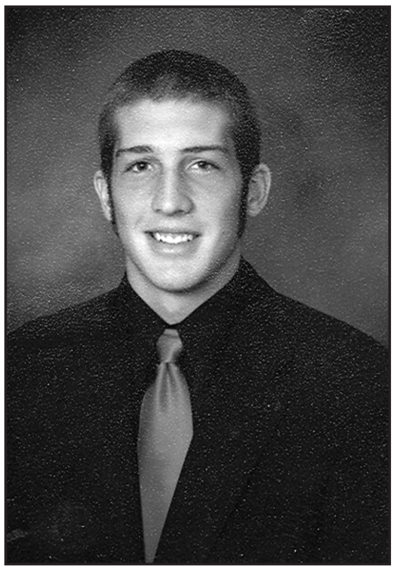


Jacory Shannon is a 2009 graduate of Lawton Mac Arthur High School, Lawton, Okla. He is the son of Melvin Shannon. He is the grandson of Melford and Mandy Shannon. He is the great-grandson of Jesse and Else Brown.

Jacory carries a 4.0 grade point average. He is a member of the honor society, attends vo-tech and takes karate.

His plans are to attend college to major in journalism.

Zachary James Minter



Zachary James Minter is a 2009 graduate of Los Angeles Baptist High School. He is the son of Tracy Andrew and Laurel Minter, of Canyon Country, Calif. He is the grandson of Sue Burris-Minter.

He has submitted Los Angeles Baptist since grade seven. Baseball is his sport of choice where he played catcher for the varsity team.

His ambition is to become a firefighter for Los Angeles County of the city.

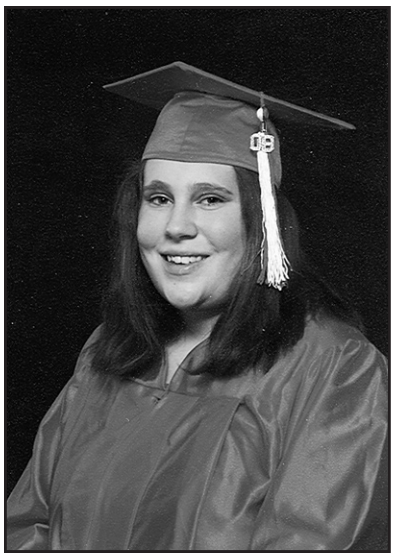
Ashley Lorraine Peterson

Ashley Lorraine Peterson is a 2009 graduate of Durango High School, Durango, Colo. She is the daughter of Jack and Lori Peterson. She is the granddaughter of Kent and Eva Bogart.

Ashley's activities are snowboarding and hiking.

Ashley's future looks bright! She will graduate May 22 and plans to attend Fort Lewis College, Durango, to study business.

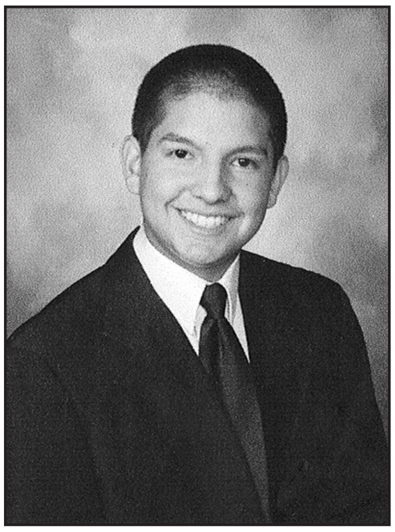
Sharleigh Willett



Sharleigh Willett is a 2009 graduate of Davis High School, Davis, Okla. She is the daughter of Shelly Love, of Davis, and Steven Willett, of Sunset, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Wylie and Charlene Hill, of Davis, and Nolan and Eloise Willett, of Sunset.

Sharleigh's plans are to enlist in the U.S. Navy.

Ryan James Postoak



Ryan James Postoak is a 2009 graduate of Vanoss High School, Vanoss, Okla. He is the son of Tim and Gwen Postoak and Melba Turner. He is the grandson of Rosie Postoak, of Allen, Okla., and Marie Titsworth, of Ada, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Pauline Walker, of Ada, and the late Simon Walker.

Ryan was active in basketball, football, baseball, Johnson O'Malley (JOM), Future Farmers of America (FFA), a member of the Chickasaw Governor's Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll, and was crowned the 2009 Homecoming King. In his spare time he likes to play intramural fast-pitch softball.

Ryan plans to attend East Central University, Ada, to major in the medical field.

Grady LeDoux

Grady LeDoux is a 2009 graduate of Bethesda Christian School, Fort Worth, Texas. He is the son of Sandy and Darl Chapman. He is the grandson of Dee and Joan Wells, of Emporia, Kan.

Grady has been active in many areas of service and leadership during high school. He currently serves as senior class president, student council representative, Praise Band & Worship leader, concert band sectional leader and vice president, and vice-president of Six Wings Outreach, a mission program. He is gifted in music, vocal, acting, size and strength, and had the honor of playing "Beast" in Beauty and the Beast 2006; "Jeff Douglas" in Brigadoon 2007; "Prince Charming" in Cinderella 2008; and "Adam" in Seven Brides for Seven Brothers 2009. He stays involved with other service and volunteer efforts. He traveled to Ringold, Okla., with Bethesda Christian School (BCS) as part of a construction crew that completed the Native American Bible Academy. He has spent years with his youth group serving the elderly, doing home repairs and landscape. Grady traveled to Dominican Republic and was a youth worship leader to over 20,000 people in a Crusade organized by Light of Life International.

Grady has been awarded the Chickasaw's "Outstanding Achievement" Award, the BCS "Outstanding Servant" award, the Fine Arts "Best Actor" award; the "Chivalry" award, the BCS "Ambassador" Award, and the "Excellence in Bible" award. He has been recognized by the National Society of High School Scholars and US Achievement Academy *Who's Who in Foreign Language*.

Grady plans to attend John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark to pursue an engineering degree in construction management. His passion is not only to have a career but to use what he learns as a vehicle for the work of his heart in missions; therefore, giving back to his community family and abroad.

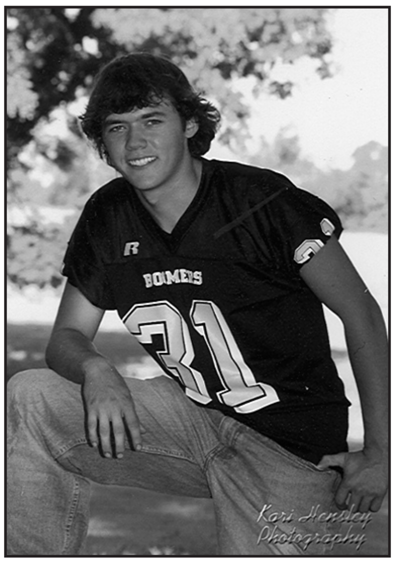
Christian McDonald

Christian McDonald is a 2009 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. She is the daughter of Matthew McDonald, of Sulphur and Rachel WithaFeather, of Eagle Butte, S.D. She is the granddaughter of Oleta Stick (Nelson), Franklin Nelson, and Larry McDonald. She is the great-granddaughter of the late LeePoe McDonald, Sadie McDonald and Nadine McDonald (Williams), of Sulphur. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Salina Stick (Walker), and Frank Nelson, and the great-great-great-granddaughter of Vicky Walker and Abe Owens.

Christian's academic achievements include cheerleading (sophomore year), and track (sophomore through senior year).

She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., and later transfer to East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Colt Alan Elliott



Colt Alan Elliott is a 2009 graduate of Woodward High School, Woodward, Okla. He is the son of Don and Laurel Elliott. He is the grandson of Billy and George Scott, Mona Bergeron, and the late Earl Bergeron. He is the great-grandson of the late Gladys Greenwood.

Colt was a four-year varsity letterman in football and soccer and two-years in track. He participated two years in 2m 2l. He served as a volunteer for Special Olympics.

Colt's plans are to attend college.

Kristy Lynn Mullican

Kristy Lynn Mullican is a 2009 graduate of Bethany High School, Bethany, Okla. She is the daughter of Walter and Kathy Mullican. She is the granddaughter of Mildred Underwood Mullican, the late M.C. Mullican, A.V. Daugherty, and the late Lucille Daugherty. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Louis Joel Underwood, an original enrollee.

Kristy served as team manager for the boy's basketball and soccer teams. She is a member of student council, actively involved in Student Leadership, and served as president of Cancer Fund Drive for two years. She has participated in mission work with World Changers in the states of Wyoming, North Carolina, and Louisiana.

Kristy plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, to pursue a degree in business.

Elizabeth Lucia Colbert

Elizabeth Lucia "Lucy" Colbert is a 2009 graduate of Lakewood High School, Lakewood, Ohio. She is the daughter of Martha and Robert C. Colbert. She is the granddaughter of Richard Elmer Colbert, Margo Rost, John E. Rost, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mihelic.

Lucy's high school achievements include: National Society of High School Scholars, Class of 2009, first chair French horn in the Lakewood Symphonic Band, varsity member of the Cleveland Scholastic Rowing Association. Coxswain for the Head of the Ohio Regatta, varsity member of the Lakewood High School gymnastics team, member of Lakewood School District Peer Mediation Team, member of the French Club, published poem in National Scholastic Literary Monthly. Her extracurricular activities include: CPR- trained life guard and swim instructor (four years), member of the Lakewood Recreation Swimming Association, at the age of 14, swam the Ottawa River in Canada taking her from the province of Ontario to the Quebec province. She has written many songs, music and poetry, some of which have been used in talent shows and contests since her grade school days.

Her plans are to studying film production at Cleveland State University of the University of Oklahoma. She also plans to attend law school with an emphasis on intellectual property rights.

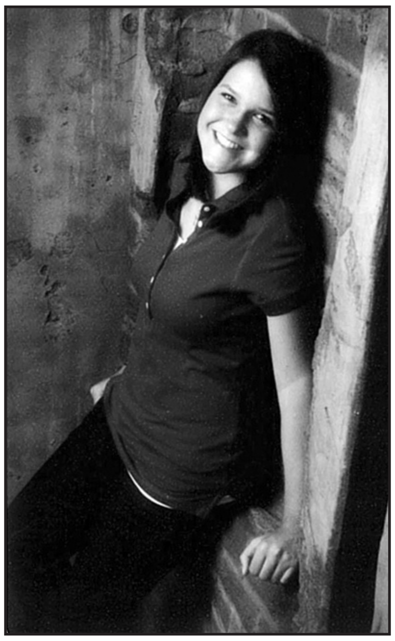
Jodee Morgan

Jodee Morgan is a 2009 graduate of Liberty Christian High School, Argyle, Texas. She is the daughter of Joe and Vickie Morgan. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Rene Moore and Jim and Mary Morgan.

Jodee was a varsity cheerleader (freshman through senior year), ACA All-Star Cheerleader (junior and senior year), member of the Key Club (sophomore through senior year), National Honor Roll (sophomore through senior year), a Champions graduate (sophomore year), America's Foundation essay winner (sophomore year), and listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* (sophomore through senior year).

Jodee plans to attend Texas A&M to pursue a degree in early childhood education.

Katy Ann Mullican



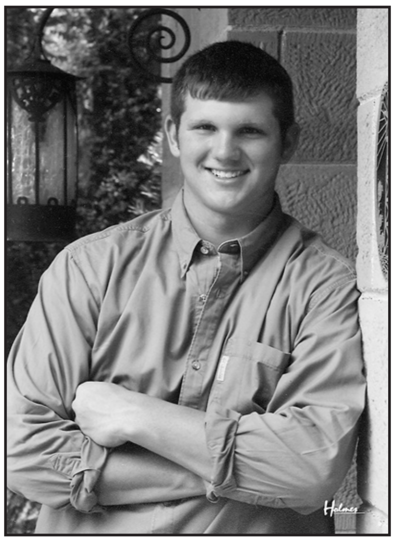
Katy Ann Mullican is a 2009 graduate of Bethany High School, Bethany, Okla. She is the daughter of Walter and Kathy Mullican. She is the granddaughter of Mildred Underwood Mullican, the late M.C. Mullican, A.V. Daugherty, and the late Lucille Daugherty. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Louis Joel Underwood, an original enrollee.

Katy is a four-year starter on the varsity soccer team. She is a member of the National Honor Society member graduating in white, a member of student council, and actively involved in Student Leadership. She has participated in mission work to Germany, and with World Changers in the states of Wyoming, North Carolina, and Louisiana.

Katy plans to attend Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, or the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond.

Andrew Lucas Harrison

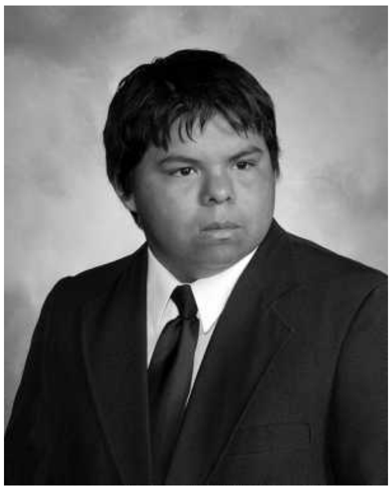
Andrew "Drew" Lucas Harrison is a 2009 graduate of Waxahachie High School, Waxahachie, Texas. He is the son of Danny and Kim Harrison. He is the grandson of Bill and Nancy Harrison, of Whitewright, Texas, and Raymond and Beverly McCullough, of Waxahachie. He is the namesake of his great-great-uncle of decorated Tishomingo High School and Murray State College athlete, Haskell Lucas.



Drew was active on the varsity baseball and football teams for four years. His freshman year he was named Baseball's Offensive MVP, named to the second team All-District tight end, and named the Chickasaw Winter Baseball Camp MVP. His sophomore year he was named Baseball Sophomore of the Year, and second team All-District tight end. Drew's junior year he was named Offensive MVP and Texas Sports Writers All-State Team, leading the Waxahachie Indians to the state finals, and named to the first team All-District tight end. His senior year he was named first team All-District defensive tackle and baseball's Rawlings All Region Team.

Drew plans to attend the University of Oklahoma on a baseball scholarship. His grandfather, Bill Harrison played baseball for OU in 1957.

Drew, we are so proud of you!



Steven M. Cruz

Steven M. Cruz is a 2009 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the grandson of Susie Wallace.

Steven plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to major in education. His aspiration is to be a head football coach and teach history.

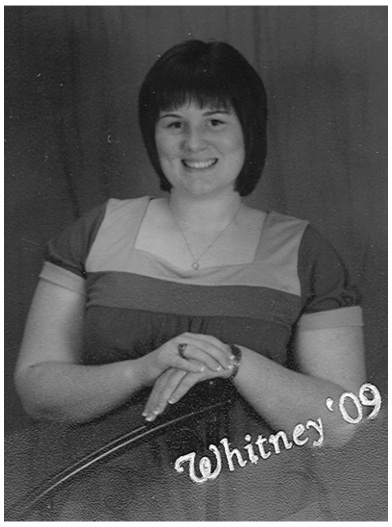
Taylor Jones

Taylor Jones is a 2009 graduate of Snohomish High School, Snohomish, Wash. She is the daughter of Karl and Paula Nelson. She is the granddaughter of Patricia Kelly.

Taylor will graduate with honors in June. She completed a rigorous academic course including many honors classes. She was active in school clubs and participated in track. She is one of only 350 incoming freshmen accepted to the University of Washington, and will begin there in the fall.

She plans to study business and multicultural studies.

Whitney Evans

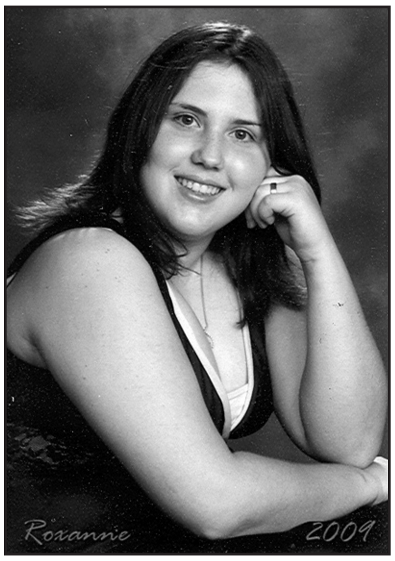


Whitney Evans is a 2009 graduate of Eufaula High School, Eufaula, Okla. She is the daughter of Denny and Pam Evans, of Eufaula. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Javonah Evans, of Seminole, Okla., and Jim and Joyce Coym, of Cheyenne, Okla.

Whitney has been a member of the Eufaula High School Colorguard for six years, student council for three years, Business Professionals of America (BPA) for two years, the National Honor Society for three years, Oklahoma Honor Society for three years, Future Career and Community Leaders of American (FCCLA) for one year, and served as student council vice president for two years.

Her plans are to attend Northeastern State University, at Tahlequah, Okla., to major in cellular biology and the go to medical school.

Roxanne Lee Duke

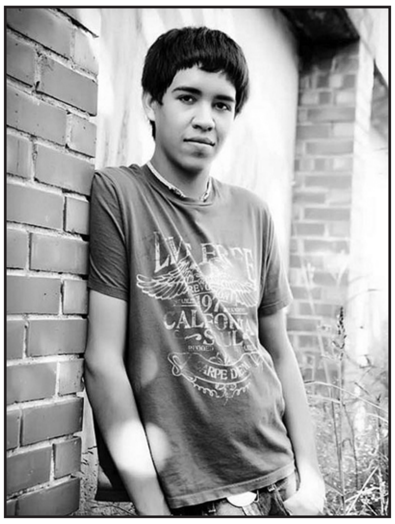


Roxanne Lee Duke is a 2009 graduate of Durant High School, Durant, Okla. She is the daughter of Cecil and Lori Duke. She is the granddaughter of Joyce Miller, Mary Helen Wright and Noma Tate.

Roxanne is on the A-B Honor Roll, a member of Culinary Arts, the art club, Key Club, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America FCCLA (reporter), and placed third in state cake decorating.

Her plans are to attend Oklahoma State University in Okmulgee to study culinary arts.

Christopher Isiah Tiger



Christopher Isiah Tiger is a 2009 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Sonya Tiger and the grandson of Delores Stick. He is the great-grandson of Cordelia Greenwood and the late Henry Greenwood.

Christopher plays the guitar, has a part-time job and participates in extracurricular activities.

His plans are to attend college.

Jonathan Williamson

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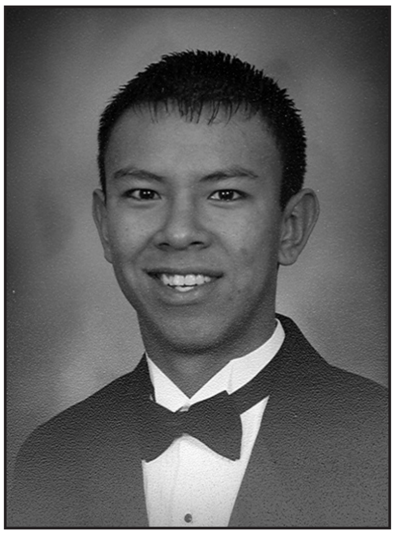
Jonathan Williamson is a 2009 graduate of Kingston High School, Kingston, Okla. He is the son of Tanya and Paul Blackburn. He is the grandson of Arthur and Shirley Williamson and Serena and Marcus Wilmond.

Jonathan has a 3.0 grade point average and is a member of the Kingston High School basketball team.

He plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to pursue a predental degree.

Darrell Rae Futischa



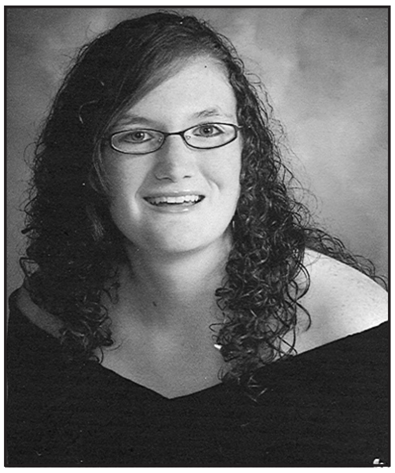
Darell Rae Futischa is a 2009 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of James and Donna Ward. He is the grandson of Roy and the late Barbara Futischa, Rita Ward and the late Kenneth Ward. He is the great-grandson of Levi and the late Virginia Edwards.

We are so proud of you. We knew you could do it. Keep your faith in God (what Grandma taught you).

Love,

Mom, Dad, and sister Denise

Brittani Morgan Young



Brittani Morgan Young is a 2009 graduate of Colbert High School, Colbert, Okla. She is the daughter of Mike and Regina Young, of Platter, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Vascal Young and the late Shirley Young and the late Luther and Nell Baker.

Brittani was active in softball, speech and Upward Bound.

She plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, to pursue a degree in communication.

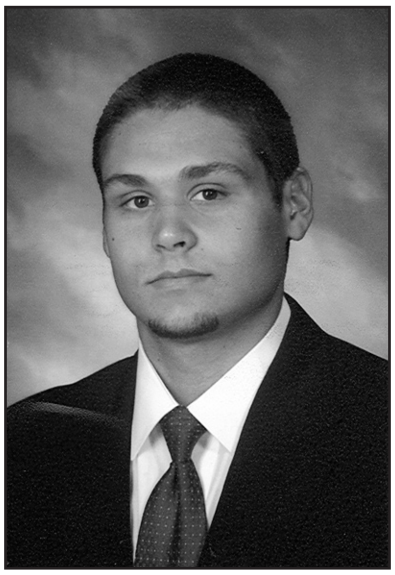
Mary T. Ahtone

Mary T. Ahtone is a 2009 graduate of Kingston High School, Kingston, Okla. She is the daughter of Tahda Ahtone, of Norman, Okla., and Steven James, of Costa Mesa, Calif. She is the granddaughter of Mary O. Ahtone, of Byng, Okla.

Mary served as co-captain of the basketball team. She was active in volunteer work by volunteering for telephone campaigning for tribal legislators, aiding in raising funds for Pow Wows and working at Pow Wows, feeding out of state firefighters and cleaning homes of the elderly.

Her plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, to study pre-law and business.

Austin Clark

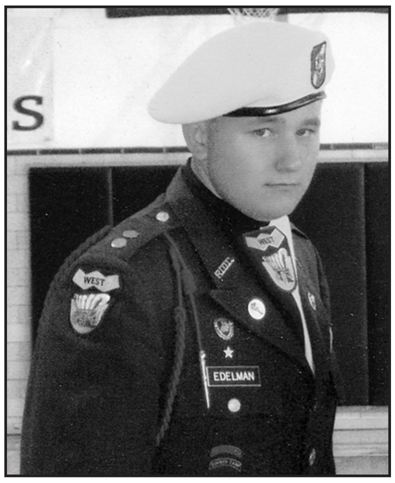


Austin Clark is a 2009 graduate of Chandler High School, Chandler, Okla. He is the son of Rick Clark and Janet Baird. He is the grandson of the late James and Bernice Colbert and a descendant of Levi Colbert family.

Austin's activities included football, powelifting, golf and a member of PSI. He has been involved with the Chandler Youth Football Camp and his hobbies are hunting, fishing and computers.

Austin plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond.

Andrew Louis Edelman

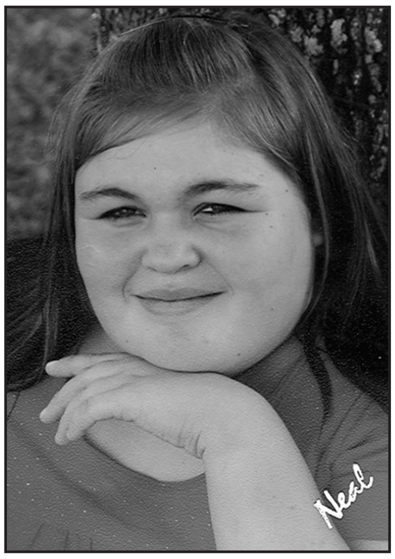


Andrew "Andy" Louis Edelman is a 2009 graduate of Wichita West High School, Wichita, Kan. He is the son of Cristina Edelman and Dennis Edelman, both of Wichita. He is the grandson of Lynn and Louie Stumblingbear, of Wichita, and the great-grandson of Julia Byrd, of Ada, Okla.

Andy is a member of the Medical Academy at West High. He was active in golf his freshman and sophomore years and has been active in JROTC his freshman through senior years. He enjoys flat track racing.

In September he will leave Wichita for the U.S. Navy.

Chalsey LaDana Marie Patsey

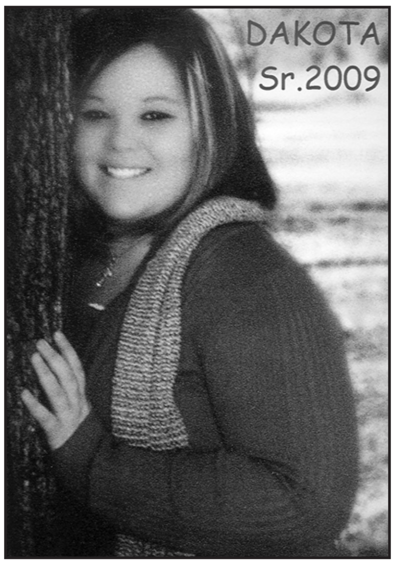


Chalsey LaDana Marie Patsey is a 2009 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Cruella Catron, of Ada, and the granddaughter of Phyllis Lattie, of Connerville, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Eliza Russell, a full blood Chickasaw and original enrollee.

Chalsey was involved in Business Professionals of America (BPA), Family Career Community Leaders of American (FCCLA), Prostart, and choir.

Chalsey plans to attend Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, to major in missionary work.

Dakota L. Kirk

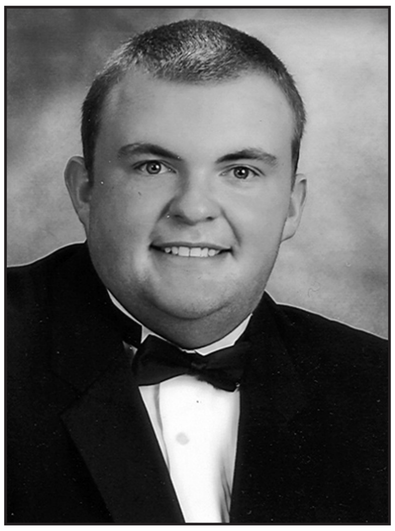


Dakota L. Kirk is a 2009 graduate of Davis High School, Davis, Okla. She is the daughter of Steven and Donna Kirk. She is the granddaughter of Flora and Ernest Kirk, Evelyn Hays and Don Hays.

Dakota was active in varsity softball (four years), Future Farmers of America (FFA), 4-H, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), and a nursing student at Southern Oklahoma Technology Center, Ardmore, Okla.

She plans to attend Bacone College, Muskogee, Okla., on a Native American Students of Promise scholarship and a Praise and Worship Team scholarship to pursue a degree in sonography.

Lance Keenan

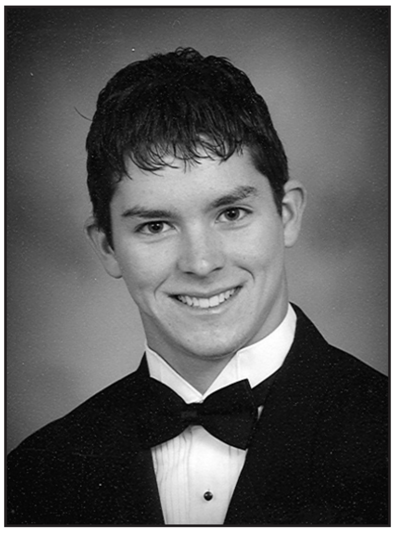


Lance Keenan is a 2009 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Jeff Keenan and Candace Keenan. He is the grandson of Jerry and JoAnn Keenan and Judy Fisher.

Lance was a member of Business Professionals of America, student council, football, the National Honor Society, and mock trial.

His plans are to attend East Central University, Ada.

Matthew D. Powers

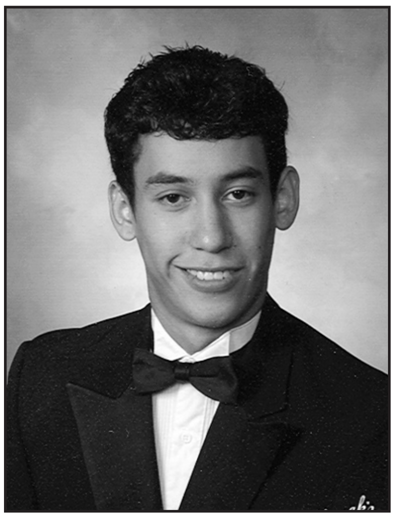


Matthew D. Powers is a 2009 graduate Purcell High School, Purcell, Okla. He is the son of Rodney and Regina Powers. He is the grandson of Eugene and Mary Snow.

Matthew has been active in football, band, tennis, powerlifting, Key Club, Code Red, the National Honor Society, and Boy Scouts of America.

His plans are to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, to pursue a major in engineering physics and a minor in music.

Chris Burris



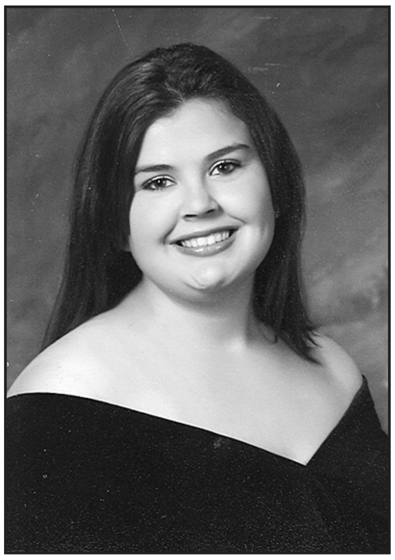
Chris Burris is a 2009 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. He is the son of Glenda Burris and brother of Timothy Ortega. He is the grandson of Monroe Burris and Dorothy Burris.

Chris' future plans are to join the U.S. Army.

Congratulations Bubba Burris! Reach for the sky!

Your family is very proud of you and love you very much.

Tesha Dawn Benson



Tesha Dawn Benson is a 2009 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Tommy H. Benson, Sr., and Meradith M. Benson, both of Ardmore, and Kenny W. Graves, and Marti D. Graves, both of Bryan, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Gary D. Bearden, and Sharon W. Bearden, of Kingston, Okla., Frank Benson, of Madill, Okla., Anita J. Cook, of Kingston, Georgia Mayo, of Madill, and Vickey D. Dosier, of Kingston.

Tesha was active in Kingston High School Sweepstakes Band in her freshman and sophomore years.

Her plans are to attend Northern Oklahoma College, then transfer to Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, to major in business management.

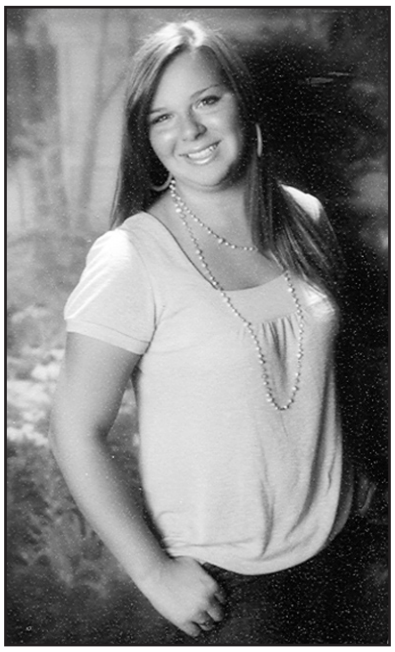
Summer Ann Hicks

Summer Ann Hicks is a 2009 graduate of G.W. Brackenridge High School, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Elizabeth Hicks. She is the granddaughter of Virginia O'Neill, of San Antonio, and the late Lois and Bernice Hicks.

Summer's school activities include golf, media program, and production/directing. Her other interest include playing the bass guitar, going to the movies, summer league softball, cooking and currently seeking an internship at a local television station.

Summer plans to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio to pursue a business degree.

Lindsay Marie Grisham

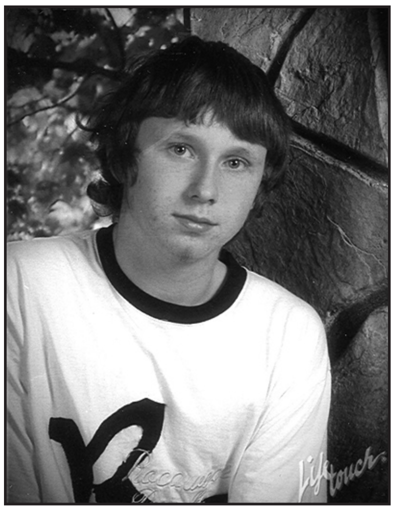


Lindsay Marie Grisham is a 2009 graduate of Cabot High School, Cabot, Ark. She is the daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham. She is the granddaughter of Myles and Sandy Homer, of Ardmore.

Lindsay has a grade point average of 3.93 and is ranked 29 in a class of 545. She will graduate with honors. She has been active in the gifted and talented program, advanced art, and completed multiple Preap classes and Ap classes. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and named Chickasaw Student of the Month for April 2008. She was a member of the Spanish Club (secretary), Alpha Omega (secretary), Knitting Club (president), Jesus Unites Students Together (J.U.S.T.) Club (secretary and vice-president), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), chess club, ecology club, Key Club, swim team (four years), varsity girls basketball team manager (three years). Her hobbies include running triathlon (completed six), half-marathons and 5k races (completed over 10) and Little Rock Marathon (2007-2008).Her community service includes member of Grace Community Church and youth group, sound technician for youth service/drama team and praise band member, Cabot Country Cruiser running club member. She is a certified life guard and currently works at Greystone Golf Community.

Her plans are to attend the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

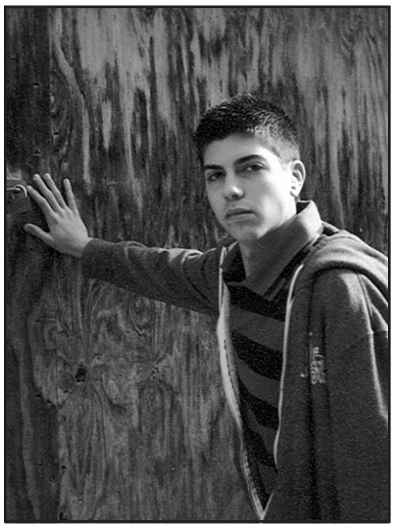
Patrick Eugene Peyton



Patrick Eugene Peyton is a 2009 graduate of Destiny Christian School, Del City, Okla. He is the son of Hoyt Peyton and Wanda JoAnn Peyton. He is the great-grandson of Wanda Jo Harris Russell.

Patrick attended Epperly Heights Elementary School his first six years then Del Crest Junior High School then was chosen to attend Destiny Christian School because of sportsmanship where he celebrated in basketball and football.

Ryan Unruh



Ryan Unruh is a 2009 graduate of Mansfield High School, Mansfield, Texas. He is the son of Tonja and Rex Unruh. He is the grandson of Wilma Jean Griffith, the late Roy Shipman, Jack Unruh and the late Joyce Unruh. He is the great-great-grandson of Mulbert Apala an original enrollee.

Ryan loves to play basketball and work on his car.

His plans are to attend Tarrant County Junior College, Ft. Worth, and to work.

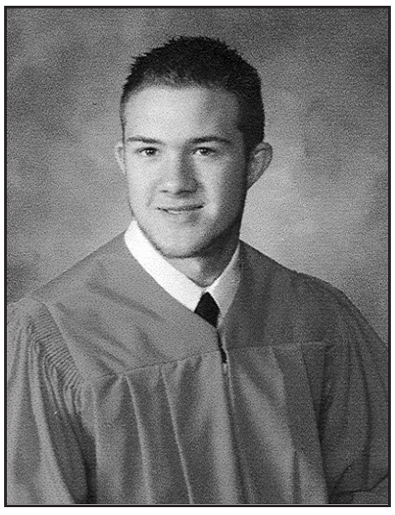
Lori Dale Gibson

Lori Dale Gibson is a 2009 graduate of Tomball High School, Tomball, Texas. She is the daughter of Lisa and Steve Gibson. She is the granddaughter of Noweta Whiting Underwood and the great-granddaughter of Lillian Dale Sacra Whiting, an original enrollee.

Lori served as president of the Tomball Stage Theatre Department, is a community outreach officer, member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, United States Pony Club for 11 years, and Girl Scouts of America for 12 years.

Lori plans to attend Texas Tech University where she has been accepted to major in theatre arts with a minor in advertising. Her long term goals include Hollywood.

Andrew Tyler Stone Young



Andrew Tyler Stone Young is a 2009 graduate of Yukon High School, Yukon, Okla. He is the son of Daniel and Becky Young. He is the grandson of James and Sookie Nix, of Anadarko, Okla., and Harold and Aileen Young, of Edmond, Okla.

Andrew was a member of the high school football team. He likes motorcross and paintball.

His plans are to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond and hopefully be in the UFC.

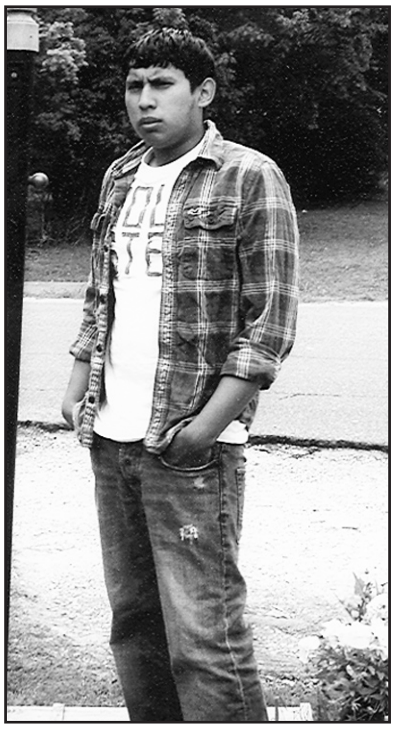
Megan Jay Scott

Megan Jay Scott is a 2009 graduate Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Danny and Michelle Key. She is the granddaughter of Lindsay and Jerrye Southward and Ann Key and the great-granddaughter of Skeets Awtrey.

Megan has been active in the National Indian Honor Society, National Honor Society, Superintendent's Honor Roll, Governor's Honor Club, DECA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), cheerleading, dance, soccer, multimedia, BPA, JOM, Tantettes, Young Republicans, newswriting and yearbook

Her plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree in forensic psychology.

Jon Wayne Wallace



Jon Wayne Wallace is a 2009 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Joe and Hazel Wallace. He is the grandson of Pauline Walker and the late Simon Walker and the late Nora and Lemmie Wallace.

Jon likes playing the guitar and volleyball. He is a very good student in school.

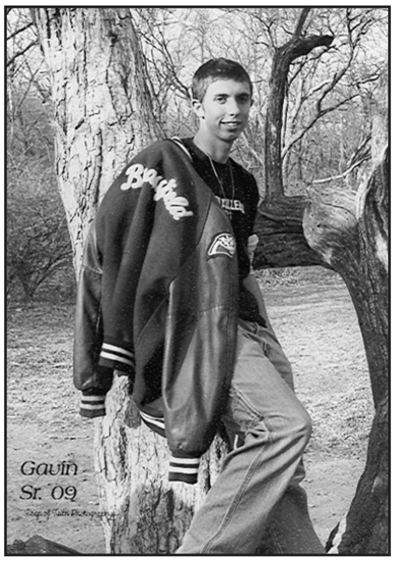
His plans are to attend college.

Codie Bolin

Codie Bolin is a 2009 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. He is the son of Teresa and Glenn Bolin, of Ardmore, Okla. He is the grandson of Fer and Calvin McCurry and the late Edith and Orvan Hubbard.

Codie was active in student council, varsity baseball and basketball and the Chickasaw Youth Council. He was named Ardmoreite Student of the Week and Chickasaw Nation Sophomore Athlete of the Year. He is currently taking concurrent classes at Ardmore Higher Education. His plans are to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., to major in criminal justice and to have a career with the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department.

Gavin Ray Brassfield



Gavin Ray Brassfield is a 2009 graduate of Elmore City - Pernell (OK) High School. He is the son of Val and Jerrie Doss, of Elmore City, Okla. He is the grandson of Valton and June Doss, Jerry Brassfield and Billlie Runyon.

Gavin is a member of the Elmore City-Pernell Badger Pride band (six years) and plays the quints. He was a member of the basketball team (4 years), cross country team (two years) and Future Farmers of America (FFA) (two years). Gavin is a volunteer fireman and has been worked through the Chickasaw Nation summer youth program for three years. He currently works at Trinity Electric.

His plans are to join the military or attend trade school to further his career as a fireman and/or electrician.

Bobbie Jara Hotema

Bobbie Jara Hotema is a 2009 graduate of Mill Creek High School, Mill Creek, Okla. She is the daughter of Bob and Jocelynn Hotema. She is the granddaughter of Gwendolyn and Merlin Faulkner and Georgina and Cyrus Hotema.

Jara was active in basketall, softball and throws shot put and disc at track meets. She is a A+ student and loves to fish and hang out with friends.

Her plans are to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., to major in nursing and then further her studies at East Central University. She plans to be a pediatric nurse practitioner.

Jara
Senior 2009

2009 COLLEGE GRADUATE

Kari Ann Lewis

Kari Ann Lewis, of Newbury Park, Calif., is a 2009 graduate of Dartmouth College. She is the daughter of Susan Lewis and Jerry Lewis. She is the granddaughter of the late Margaret and Derl Burris and the late Virginia and Robert Lewis.

Kari is a double major in Russian and Native American studies modified with studio art. She is active with Native Americans at Dartmouth (NAD) and is a member of the equestrian team. She has studied abroad in Russia, volunteered in Ukraine and completed a summer internship in Ada, Okla. She will continue her Native American studies in grad school at UCLA.

James Michael Dunn Memorial Scholarship established at Foundation

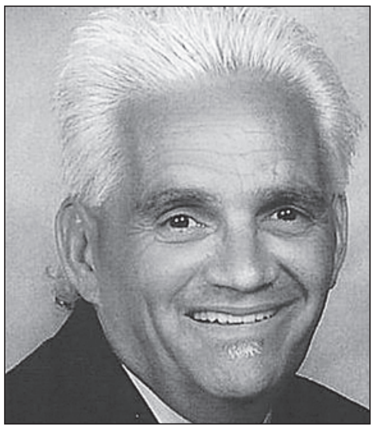
The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of *The James Michael "Mike" Dunn Memorial Scholarship.* Mike was born on October 1, 1953 in Ardmore, Oklahoma, and went to be with the Lord on February 6, 2009. His parents were James Lee Dunn and Anna Lou Dean McArthur. He was the grandson of original enrollee Elizabeth Culberson Dunn.

Upon graduation from Milburn High School in 1971, he served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict and was honorably discharged in 1975 achieving the rank of sergeant. He then continued his education by graduating from Murray State College in 1978.

Mike married Rita Sawyer on June 18, 1982 in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. There they made their home. He had four children and was a devoted father and husband. He enjoyed raising champion English bulldogs. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and loved the Lord and the fellowship he had with the other members of the church. He also loved listening to his daughters sing in church.

Mr. Dunn took great pride in working for the Chickasaw Nation as director of Facilities and Support. He felt that his role as an employee for the tribe was to help each person who was in need and to make better lives for all Chickasaw people.

The *James Michael "Mike" Dunn Memorial Scholarship* will be awarded to a Chickasaw student who is enrolled in his or her freshman through senior year at a two- or four-year college or vocational school with a general purpose major. The student must maintain a grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.



James Michael Dunn

NEWS FROM AROUND THE FOUNDATION

Stephanie Gutendorf named March 2009 Student of the Month

Ms. Stephanie Gutendorf was selected the March 2009 Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month. She is a senior at Milburn High School and was selected to the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Council this spring.

Stephanie Gutendorf

Stephanie is very active in high school sports but still manages to maintain a 3.6 grade point average. She is the senior class student council representative, co-leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and was recently voted "Most Athletic Girl" at her school. Stephanie credits the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program for allowing her to meet new people, increase her academic skills and find direction in her life.

Her future plans include attending Murray State College to become a physical therapist. She would like to help athletes. Another goal she would like to pursue is becoming an executive secretary. She loves to help people get organized and stay on track with projects.

Stephanie's favorite quote is by Babe Ruth, "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."

Foundation Scholarship Application now available on Foundation website

The Chickasaw Foundation's 2009-2010 scholarship application is available on our website at www.chickasawfoundation.org*. You may also call our office at (580) 421-9030 for any information regarding our scholarships or to be placed on our scholarship mailing list.*

2nd Annual T-ball Tournament winners named

The Chickasaw Foundation's 2nd Annual T-Ball Tournament was played April 18, 2009 at Kiwanis Baseball Park in Ada, Okla. Mr. Kennedy Brown, chairman of the Chickasaw Foundation, and Dr. Tina Cooper, trustee, set the first pitch.

Participating teams included Ada Warriors, Cardinals, Lil Cuda's, Lil Twisters, Oakland A's, Shawnee Outlaws, Chickasha Snappers and Oklahoma Steal. Two players, Corbin Draper, of Oklahoma Steal, and Jacob Rempe, of Chickasha Snappers, were selected Most Valuable Players (MVP) and one received a bat bag and the other an Under Armor athletic shirt.

First place was awarded to Oklahoma Steal and they received a trophy, bat bag and "Champion" t-shirt. Team members included: Gavin Sikes, Gorbyn Draper, Cooper Shirley, Hayden Khalili, Nate West, Kaleb Zangari, Parker Winters and Colin Hacker. Second place was awarded to Chickasha Snappers and they received a trophy and "Runner-Up" t-shirt. Team members included: Deonte Wash, Jacob Rempe, Brayden Beaver, Kanara Patterson, Cash Jay, AJ Scifres, Walker Biddy, Kade Worden, Mackaby Carlie and Connor Biddy. The third place Shawnee Outlaws won a trophy and a bag of coupons from various sponsors. Team members included: Bauer Brittain, Bernner James, Cade Chambin, Garrett Carson, Max Goodnight, Trace McDaniels, Zane Walck, Cory Skeen, Ray McGirt, Kanton Kaseca, Garrison Lanham, Langston Yort and Cade Petterson.

Contests were held for base-running, accuracy throwing and a home-run derby. Participants received a ribbon while those placing 1st-3rd in each event received a medal. Ms. Linda Draper won the grand prize drawing of a hand carved bow which was donated to the Chickasaw Foundation by Mr. John Stevenson.

Linda Draper and hand-carved bow.

First place winners of the 2nd Annual T-ball Tournament Oklahoma Steal.

MVP's Corbin Draper, of Oklahoma Steal and Jacob Rempe, of Chickasha Snappers.

Northern Pontotoc Council encouraged to contribute time capsule items

The Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council met April 9 at the Tri-City Training Center.

The meeting started off with Indian tacos and great food and conversation was enjoyed by all.

Chairman Todd Griffith started the meeting with a prayer and vice-chairman Jim Ogle led the flag salute.

Beth Alexander, legislator of the Panola District, spoke on how to become a tribal legislator. She told of the rules and regulations along with the expense of being elected. Beth misses very few of our meetings and is always ready to help us in any way she can.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. We are encouraged to put something in the Chickasaw Cultural Center time capsule at Sulphur. We can send pictures, postcards with whatever you would like your family to see or read in 50 years. The pictures or note cards can be no larger than 4x6 inches.

You can also send quilt squares no larger than 9x9 inches.

Please send your time capsule contributions to Janet Reubin, 126 N. Oak, Ada, OK 74820 by the end of May 2009.

The next council meeting will be Thursday, May 14 with a potluck dinner starting at 6 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7 p.m.

The speaker will be Jennifer Hayes from the Purcell office. She will speak on nutrition and our farmers' market vouchers. Come learn how you may be eligible for these vouchers.

Texas Councils hear of Arts and Music Academy

On April 19, Chickasaws gathered for the Quarterly Joint Meeting of the Chickasaw Community Councils of Central and South Texas to hear from the Directors of the Divisions of Arts and Humanities and Communications about the upcoming activities available to Chickasaws and plans for the future.

Additionally, they heard from Stephen Bond, the Chickasaw Nation's Biologist/Ecologist about what is known about the plants used by Chickasaws in the Homeland for food and medicines. Stephen also detailed plans for the future at the new Chickasaw Cultural Center to include growing some of these plants and of his attempts to proprogate many of the plants for use in our study of Chickasaw Culture and History.

Lona Barrick encouraged all Chickasaws to have their young people trained in the upcoming Arts and Music Academy and told of the efforts of the Chickasaw Nation to train teachers to include the contributions of Chickasaws and other native tribes in their curriculum.

Robyn Elliott told of the success of the movie "Pearl" at the recent Dallas film festival and of plans to make other movies and to continue to obtain the stories of our elders throughout the United States.

A raffle was held for two wonderful Indian wood burning pictures made by Tom Knight, Sr. The Central Council also announced it would be sponsoring two classes on Native American flute playing which will be taught by the well-known Central Texas flutist, Dr. Mario Garza. In addition to the basics of flute playing each student will receive a basic flute. The meeting concluded with the serving of Pashofa and other foods that council members brought.

Wichita Council views 'Boarding School Era'

The Wichita Council met this month at the remodeled Mid America All Indian Center, 650 N. Seneca. The council had two new visitors, one only stayed a short time and the other was Truman Ware (Kiowa), who was one of the original Indian Center's Board of Trustees in 1976. Mr. Ware gave us a brief overview of the founding of the Indian Center and participated in our discussion of Indian boarding schools.

We saw the dvd produced and distributed by the Chickasaw Nation entitled, "The Boarding School Era." We also have a copy of the book, "Our Grandmother's Stories" by Amanda Cobb-Greetham that makes an excellent companion to the dvd. After seeing the dvd, we shared family stories about boarding schools and how thy impacted several of our family members.

We practiced our five new Chickasaw phrases and decided which next five phrases we wanted to learn. We expect to also incorporate the number one through five along with our learning so that one day we can play the simple game "Go Fish" in Chickasaw.

The council members were reminded they can view the "We Shall Remain" films at the Indian Center at no cost. The dates and titles were noted on the council's agenda. The council is encouraged to participate in the upcoming four-part lectures, "Sharing the Culture" – Chickasaw" where Council Chairperson, Lynn Stumblingbear, will be speaking. The dates are May 13, May 27, June 10 and June 24 beginning at 7 p.m.

Dr. Kent Rowe shared with the council the upcoming events for Earth Day where he will be speaking and is daughters will be in a fashion show related to his topic. This is part of the local Earth Day events happening Thursday and Friday, April 23 and 24.

On May 16 and 17 we will be taking part in the Friends of the Keeper Pow Wow in the back yard of the Indian Center. Bring your lawn chairs as there is no public seating. We will have a shade set up. There are lots of vendors coming. This should be a fun event for everyone to enjoy and participate in.

Upward Bound students visit Fort Worth zoo

On March 20 the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science students visited the Fort Worth Zoo. Eighty-nine students attended the trip which was held during spring break. In addition to the students, six volunteers from the Chickasaw Nation accompanied the students: Saundra Seeley, Geneva Cole and Michael Effinger from the Ada Area office, Barbara Gaines with Youth Services, Tisha Cully with Chickasha Boys and Girls Club and Wanda Keller from the Justice division. Words cannot express our appreciation for these wonderful volunteers.

While at the Fort Worth Zoo, students participated in a scavenger hunt searching for information that would enable them to complete their mission. They discovered warthogs do not have sweat glands and they communicate by grunting, growling, snorting and squealing. They also learned that baby black bears weigh only 10-16 ounces when born and that an alligator's tail is half of the adult alligator's length in size. This was a very informative trip.

Marshall County Council sponsors Easter egg hunt

The Marshall County Chickasaw Council, sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 12. The event was at the Enos Volunteer Fire Department.

There were approximately 100 in attendance.

The council had the pleasure of providing the eggs, prizes and refreshments.

The community support was greatly appreciated. We wish a belated blessed Happy Easter to everyone from all of us to all of you.

NM Council sets quarterly meeting

The Chickasaw Nation is alive and well in New Mexico with an active membership and a council which meets quarterly.

New officers elected at our annual meeting include Chairman Vadare Cornelison, Vice Chairman Chris Rodke, Secretary Jon Anthony, Treasurer Rita Yepa, Chaplain Ruth Hagemeier, reporter Catherine Jarrell and at-large members Shannon Gariss, Doreen Wright and Cynthia Harrison.

NMCCC's new Chairman was born in Ada, Okla., and was greatly influenced by her full-blood grandmother Judy Colbert Campbell. Vadare was privileged to accompany the Chickasaw seniors last year on the tour of our homelands.

Save the date of June 20 for our quarterly meeting conducted in Albuquerque. This pot-luck dinner will focus on Family, Fun and Children. Look for more information in next month's Chickasaw Times or contact Vadare Cornelison at (505) 332-1776 or vadareq5@aol.com

Chickasaw West

Annual Chickasaw Gathering

Santee Lakes, CA
Sponsored by Chickasaw West
Come spend time with your Chickasaw family and friends!
Santee Lakes, Santee, Calif.
(619) 596-3141
Picnic Area D
Saturday, June 6, 2009; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Hamburgers, hot dogs, fry bread, and drinks will be served.
Please bring a side dish to share.
Entrance fee is $4 per vehicle. Parking is next to the picnic area.
Bring lawn chairs. There is a covered area in case of rain.
Fishing, paddle boat, canoe rentals are available.

Santee Lakes is within 60 minutes or less of several San Diego attractions. You may wish to plan your weekend in the area. Please call Santee Lakes (619) 596-3141 for information regarding fishing, camping and RV.

Plans are being made for members of the Chickasaw Legislature to attend.

Directions: Take the 5 freeway South to 52 East to Mast Blvd. Exit. Go left at the offramp and under the freeway to Fanita Parkway, turn right on Fanita Parkway and drive to Carlson Oaks Blvd. Turn right to entrance to the lake. The 52 goes up a mountain. 9040 Carlton Oaks Drive, Santee, Calif.

For more information call Sharon Tandy at (818) 985-8392.

APRIL 2009 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 26-032
To Replace General Resolution 21-035
(Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Marshall County)

Explanation: This Resolution re-affirms General Resolution 21-035 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description as follows:

Tract 1: SE/4 SE/4 of Section 20, Township 6 South, Range 6 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Marshall County, Oklahoma.

Tract 2: N/2 NW/4 NW/4 and NW/4 NE/4 NW/4 and SW/4 NW/4 of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 6 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Marshall County, Oklahoma.

Tract 3: E/2 NE/4 and SE/4 NW/4 NE/4 and E/2 SW/4 NE/4 and W/2 E/2 SE/4 and E/2 W/2 SE/4 of Section 29, Township 6 South, Range 6 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Marshall County, Oklahoma.

Property Location: Marshall County
Use: Children's Village
Purpose: Self-determination

Presented by: Land Development Committee, Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 26-033
To Replace General Resolution 25-058
(Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County)

Explanation: This Resolution re-affirms General Resolution 25-058 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description as follows:

The NW/4 of NW/4 of SE/4 of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 8 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, according to the Government Survey thereof.

Property Location: Pontotoc County
Use: Kullihoma Expansion
Purpose: Self-determination

Presented by: Land Development Committee, Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 26-034
To Replace General Resolution 21-071
(Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County)

Explanation: This Resolution replaces General Resolution 21-071 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached.

Property Location: Pontotoc County
Use: Headquarters Expansion
Purpose: Self-determination

Presented by: Land Development Committee, Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 26-035
To Replace General Resolution 25-059
(Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County)

Explanation: This Resolution re-affirms General Resolution 25-059 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description as follows:

The SW/4 of NW/4 of SE/4 and a tract in the W/2 of SW/4 of SE/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said W/2 of SW/4 of SE/4; thence S 89º57'08" E along the North line of said W/2 of SW/4 of SE/4 a distance of 661.54 feet to the East line of said W/2 of SW/4 of SE/4; thence S 00º00'43" E along the East line a distance of 708.70 feet to the centerline of the abandoned M&P Railroad; thence N 57º54'13" W along said centerline a distance of 781.07 feet to the West line of said W/2 of SW/4 of SE/4; thence North along said West line a distance of 294.24 feet to the point of beginning, all in Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 8 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 17.63 acres, more or less.

Property Location: Pontotoc County
Use: Kullihoma Expansion
Purpose: Self-determination

Presented by: Land Development Committee, Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 26-036
Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love County
and Exchange of In-Kind Services

Explanation: This Resolution approves the acceptance of real property from Thackerville Investment Group, LLC described as:

Please see attached exhibits A, B, C and D

Property Location: Love County
Use: Expansion of the WinStar Golf Course
Purpose: Economic Development

Presented by: Land Development Committee, Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 26-037
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Ardmore Clinic Renovation

Explanation: This resolution amends General Resolution 26-024 for the Ardmore Health Clinic to include an increase in the square footage of the clinic. This amendment does not change the cost of the project. The Ardmore Health Clinic was built in 1988 and is in dire need of renovation for better efficiency of the space. The clinic incurs 37,000-38,000 patient visits per year and has consistently for the past six years. The Ardmore Clinic is in need of updating and remodeling for better functionality.

The Scope of Work includes redesign of the existing conference room into the Pharmacy including a drive thru window. The existing Pharmacy would be redesigned into three exam rooms and square footage would be added to include a new vestibule and increase the waiting room space.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget and amends resolution 26-024 for the Ardmore Clinic Renovation, Project Number CNHS-003 in the amount of $343,200.

Presented by: Finance Committee, Holly Easterling, Chairman

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 26-038
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Winstar Golf Course

Explanation: Increasing the size of the golf course will provide more options for its use. These additional 9 holes will allow more flexibility of Winstar Golf Course to provide additional services to the golfing community and increase the opportunity for future PGA style tournaments to be hosted. These additional tournaments will

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2007-2008 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
March 20, 2009

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She welcomed the guests, and mentioned Elder Wilma Watson and Hall of Fame Recipient Juanita Tate by name.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Member absent: Katie Case

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, Marilyn Coltz, Administrative Assistant

Guests present: Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Jerry Imotichey, Traci Gold, Rita Loder, Michael L. Wingo, Ashley Large, Tom Bolitho, Dana Hudspeth, Shana Tate Hammond, Juanita Tate, Paula Woods, Beverly Raynen

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - February 20, 2009

An error was noted on page four of the minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve the February 20, 2009 minutes as corrected.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2009, as corrected carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 26-006, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 Section 16-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Committees and Rules)

This resolution amends a section in Title 16 so that it describes what action must be taken for a resolution to die in committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve PR26-006.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

Member voting no: Beth Alexander

1 no vote

The motion carried to approve PR26-006.

Permanent Resolution Number 26-007, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 Section 16-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rules on Legislation)

This resolution amends a section in Title 16 so that resolutions may be discussed before a motion is made to place it on the agenda of a session.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve PR26-007.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR26-007 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 26-016, Authorization of Amendment of Chickasaw Banc Holding Company Certificate of Incorporation to Issue Preferred Stock and Thereby Allow Participation in TARP Program with the U.S. Treasury (Tabled in Session, 2/20/09)

Approval of this resolution will authorize Chickasaw Banc Holding Company to apply for and potentially secure additional operating capital with which to conduct business through a program with the U.S. Treasury ("UST") known as the Troubled Asset Relief Program ("TARP"). This program is intended to place capital in strong, well-run banks. Under this program, in exchange for payment of additional paid in capital, the UST would be issued preferred stock and warrants for preferred stock in the Chickasaw Bank Holding Company. Thereby UST would become a non-voting (except for matters involving said preferred stock) shareholder with the Nation in the ownership of the Chickasaw Banc Holding Company, and therefore, Bank2, until such time as the funds are repaid to the UST by the Chickasaw Banc Holding Company's repurchase of the preferred stock (redemption). The Board of the Chickasaw Banc Holding Company is requesting approval to apply for this additional capital and amend its certificate of incorporation to thereby continue to expand the bank holding company's ability to do business.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to bring GR26-016 from the table.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Member voting no: Wanda Blackwood Scott

1 no vote

Member abstaining: Scott Colbert

1 no vote

The motion to bring GR26-016 from the table carried.

Chairperson Briggs called for a motion. There was no motion; therefore,GPR26-016 failed for lack of a motion.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 26-027, Application for Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking Office Support for the Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant

The fiscal year 2009 cycle of SMART grants has been released. An award in the amount of $300,000 is available without any matching requirement. The grant would allow for the design and implementation of a sex offender registration system that meets the requirements of SORNA. This system would provide law enforcement officers with greater access to and awareness of criminal history information on suspects during the course of their duties.

A motion was made by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-027.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

Member abstaining: Scott Colbert

1 abstention

The motion to approve GR26-027 carried.

General Resolution Number 26-028, Approval of Application for Funding – Administration for Native Americans Family Preservation-Improving the Well-being of Children Project Implementation

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding to the Administration for Native Americans for the researching, planning, piloting and establishment of a family resource center for the Chickasaw Nation through the Family Preservation-Improving the Well-being of Children Project Implementation grant. The application requests federal funding in the amount of up to $300,000.00 per year for up to three years.

A motion was made by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-028.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-028 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-029, Application for the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Deployment in Indian Country Program Grant

The fiscal year 2009 cycle of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Deployment in Indian Country

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

April 9, 2009

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Human Resources Committee

April 6, 2009

Present: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Absent: Dean McManus

Finance Committee

April 6, 2009

Present: Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Absent: Dean McManus, Steve Woods

Health Committee

April 6, 2009

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Absent: Dean McManus

Land Development Committee

April 6, 2009

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Absent: Steve Woods

Committee of the Whole Meeting

April 13, 2009

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods

Thelma Marie Kirby

Thelma Marie (Henson) Kirby, 73, of Ardmore, Okla., died March 31, 2009. Services were April 4, 2009 at Griffin-Hillcrest Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Wayne Fite and Rev. Brad Taylor officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Kirby was born Aug. 16, 1935 to Arthur and Elvener (Farve) Berry at Ardmore.

She married Arthur Edward Henson Aug. 10, 1950 at Fresno, Calif. He preceded her in death on March 2, 1976. She married Waylon Hasty June 29, 1979. He preceded her in death May 16, 1984. She married Wesley Kirby, Jr., April 29, 1989 at Ardmore.

Mrs. Kirby was employed at Uniroyal/Michelin as a machine operator from 1971 until her retirement in 1995. She was a member of Southwest Baptist Church, of Ardmore.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, sewing, cooking and arts and crafts. She was proud of her Choctaw heritage.

She was preceded in death by two husbands; her parents; three brothers; two sisters; and two grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Wesley Kirby, Jr., of the home; four sons, Harold Henson and wife, Maria, Ronald Henson and wife, Becky, Randall Henson and wife, Carrie, and Michael Henson and wife, Dinah, all of Ardmore; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Lula Smith, of Ardmore; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Cory Henson, Andy Henson, Justin Henson, Anthony Henson, Cole Caudle and Bill West.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

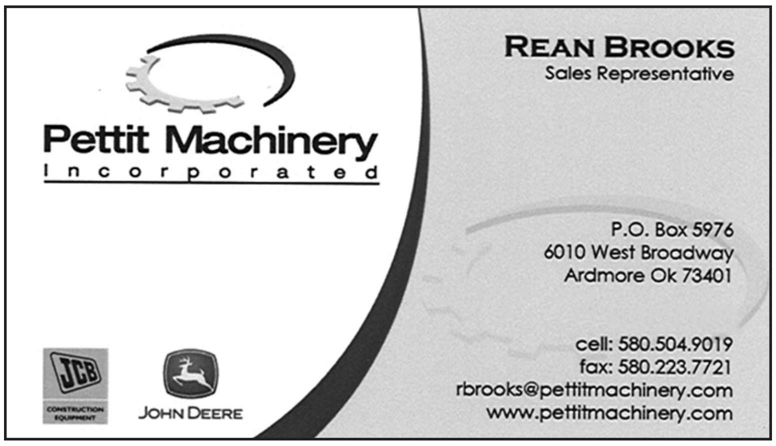
Rick Lauderdale

Rick Lauderdale, 50, of Olney, Texas, died Dec. 31, 2008 at Wichita Falls, Texas. Services were Dec. 16, at the First Baptist Church in Olney with Rev. Keith Davidson and Scotte Clark officiating.

Mr. Lauderdale was born July 5, 1958 to Ed and Lorene (Carroll) Lauderdale at Andrews, Texas.

He married Ruth Elaine Felts Marcy 7, 1980 at Pecos, Texas. He received his bachelor of arts degree from North Texas State University and moved to Olney in 1993 from Pecos. He taught building and trades at Olney High School and was the maintenance director for the Olney Independent School District.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, of Olney; a son, Ricky Lauderdale, Jr., of Lubbock, Texas; two daughters, Cinnimon Stanford and husband, Clay, of Midland, Texas, and Sheila St. John and husband, Bobby, of Tulsa; his parents, Ed and Lorene Lauderdale, of Olney; two brothers, Kent and Steve Lauderdale, both of San Antonio, Texas; six grandchildren, Mason Walker, Cierra Stanford, Alexis St. John, Harleigh Walker, Camryn Stanford and Carson Lauderdale.



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Ruby Mabel Little

Services for Ruby Mabel Nelson Little, 96, of Ada, Okla., were April 23, 2009 at Criswell Funeral Chapel, Ada, with Dr. Robert Escamilla officiating. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery, Purcell, Okla.

Mrs. Little died April 20, at her home. She was born Sept. 28, 1912 at Cloudy, Okla., to Samuel Benton and Lillie Etna Pound Nelson. She graduated from McAlester (OK) High School, and East Central State Teacher's College, Ada.

She married J.W. Little Aug. 22, 1936. He preceded her in death Dec. 29, 1996. Mrs. Little was an elementary school teacher for 35 years, a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ada and a Pioneer Teacher of Oklahoma. She moved to Ada four years ago from Norman, Okla.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Irene Nelson and Mozelle Goff; and brothers, L.B. Nelson, James Nelson and Kenneth Nelson.

She is survived by two daughters, LaVelle Walker and husband, George E., of Ada, and LaVonne Solomon, of Irving, Texas; grandchildren, Penni Doyle, Reneé Harper, Clark Solomon, and Traci Solomon Guidry; four great-grandchildren, Meaghan and Ruby Doyle, and Jim and Joe Harper; a sister, Betty Rennke, of Ada; and a brother, William Ervin Nelson, of Davis, Okla.

Bearers were her nephews, Bruce Rennke, David Rennke, Ron Rennke and Jeffrey Nelson.

Cleo Lacy Meister

Cleo Lacy Burns Meister, 94, died March 19, 2009 at Deaconess Hospital in Oklahoma City with her youngest son, Charles at her side holding her hand.

Mrs. Meister was born May 4, 1914 to Charles Ambrose Burns and original enrollee Mollie Pickens Burns at the their home in Macmillan, Okla. She was half Chickasaw and full blood in spirit. She was the great-granddaughter of Edmund Pickens (OK Chan Tubby) the first elected chief of the Chickasaw tribe and granddaughter of I-Hunter Pickens clan leader and Chickasaw warrior. She took great pride in her Indian heritage and raised her three sons, Richard Burns, Russell Don, and Charles Cleon to think of themselves as Indians.

She attended Bloomfield Academy and Boarding School for Chickasaw females where she lived during the academic year from elementary school through high school graduation coming home for vacations. She and her sisters enjoyed their boarding school days greatly and she attended the alumni gatherings yearly.

After graduating high school at Bloomfield she attended business school for a year prior to joining the work force as a secretary. She worked for several years in the business field until World War II at which time she joined the women's war effort and worked at Tinker Air Force Base assembling and riveting planes together for the war. This Jitterbug war-time era was one of the highlights of her life when as an independent woman she was able to make such a great contribution to the country. She often reflected on the frantic days of the war and the good times then and after. She came to enjoy assembly line work and the team effort involved and returned to it, assembling computers at HP until her retirement after raising her three sons.

She married Stanford Harry Meister in 1946. He who was a World War II veteran and accountant for Tinker. He preceded her in death on April 10, 1960.

She was loved in the neighborhood by the other children and their parents. It was not unusual for one of the neighborhood kids to drop by and see her on the way to or from the local public swimming pool to get a snack or a drink. Cleo was a very accepting and nurturing parent who put up with her son's love for wild animals including many snakes, a pet bobcat, coyote and numerous species of animals.

She was very gregarious and would speak to almost anyone making acquaintances wherever she went. She was a very spiritual person and attended several Christian churches with friends when she was still able to drive herself around. She was also active in the Choctaw Chickasaw heritage committee with her friend Buster Ned. Mrs. Meister and her sisters were background singers for the first and maybe only 33 1/3 LP album produced by the Choctaw Chickasaw Heritage committee.

She was preceded in death by her son Russell Don Meister, Dec. 20, 1982. He is buried at Macmillan Cemetery in the family plot donated from the Burns home site estate.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Burns Meister, M.D., and Charles Cleon Meister; grandsons, Chase Aaron Meister and Brett Aaron Meister.

Her spirit will live with us forever.

James Winston Raburn

James Winston Raburn, 82, died Dec. 23, 2008 at Lawton, Okla. A private graveside family service was conducted in Washington, Okla.

Mr. Raburn was born Sept. 3, 1926 in McClain County to Earl and Hazel Pybas Raburn.

He graduated from Norman High School in 1944 and joined Merchant Marine where he was a third radio officer on the SS Wayne Victory. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in government at the University of Oklahoma, Norman. He joined the National Guard as a radio operator.

He married Josephine Riling on Sept. 29, 1950 at Camp Polk, La.

He returned to the University of Oklahoma and graduated from law school in 1953. He served as Assistant County Attorney of Pontotoc County and practiced law in Ada, Okla. He moved to Purcell, Okla., as McClain County Attorney until 1958. He practiced law in Purcell until 1962, when he moved to Lawton. He worked for State Farm Insurance for two years and practiced law with Charles Ozmun. He was appointed district judge in 1972 and remained at the position until he retired on June 30, 1990.

He was a charter member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, a longtime member of Rotary and a local member of VFW.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; two daughters and son-in-laws, Catherine and Robert Heller, of Portland, Texas, and Lynn and Garrison Greenleaf, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; five grandchildren, Ashley Marie Heller, of Houston, Richard Sterling Heller and Sean Robert Heller, both of Portland; James Garrison Greenleaf, of Washington, D.C., and Tamara Lynn Greenleaf, of Colorado Springs.

Charles Shields

Services for Charles "Smokey" Shields, 63, of Milburn, Okla., were April 6, 2009 at Smith-Phillips Funeral Home, Ada, with Rev. Tony Poe officiating. Interment followed in Steedman Cemetery near Kullihoma, Okla., with military rites performed by the Chickasaw Honor Guard. Rev. Donnie Jacob officiated the wake service conducted April 5.

Mr. Shields died April 3, at Valley View Regional Hospital in Ada. He was born Oct. 1, 1945 in Hughes County to Joseph Shields and Minnie Allen Shields.

Mr. Shields worked for the Chickasaw Nation as a groundskeeper for many years and was a lifelong resident of the Ada area. He attended Yellow Spring Methodist Church near Stonewall, Okla. He served his country in the U.S. Army. He loved playing horseshoes and fixing traditional native foods, especially pashofa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Minnie Shields; two brothers, Henry and Simon Shields; and a nephew, Steven Hamilton.

He is survived by a daughter, Diane Shields Atkison and her husband, James, of Spencer, Okla.; two brothers, Harlan Shields, of Stonewall, and Kent Shields and his wife, Carol, of Norman, Okla.; eight sisters, Rose Jefferson and her husband, Gene, Imogene Imotichey-Walker and her husband, Gary, Louise Shields, Mary Gipson, Carol Fox and her husband, Pete, and Marla Key and her husband, Roy, all of Ada, Mae Hamilton and her husband, Robert, and Gayle Clark and her husband, Scott, all of Mill Creek, Okla.; a grandchild, Aaron Kyle Dixon, of Moore, Okla.; longtime companion, Bobbie Shields; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Barney Barnoski, Shane Dixon, Skip Wisdom, Alan Gipson, Aaron Dixon and Dusty Newport.

Honorary pallbearers were Pete Fox, Terry Stick, Randall Clark, Kevin Wisdom, Steve Jacob, Gene Jefferson and the tribal properties employees.

Glenn Thomas Smith

Glenn Thomas Smith, 74, of Albuquerque, N.M., died April 8, 2009. He was born May 4, 1934 at Roff, Okla.

A memorial service was April 13, at Hoffmantown Church, Albuquerque, with Pastor David Eustis officiating.

Mr. Smith was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting. He was a champion archer and a gifted artist. He was a loving father and grandfather and loved to spend time with his family, especially his two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Beulah Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; a daughter, Stepheney Wasilewski and husband, Alan, of Ansonia, Conn.; a son, Quinn Fisher Smith and wife, Meredith; grandchildren, Quinn C. and Emma Smith, all of Albuquerque; a sister, Anna Lee Langenberg and husband, Robert, of Montgomery, Ala.; a brother, James Smith and wife, Debbie, of Choctaw, Okla.; uncles and aunts, Ted Smith, Mary Jo Green, Edna Hernandez, Jeannette Mitchell and Cherrye Lucas; and many other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, since Mr. Smith treasured children, memorial contributions can be made in his name to Joy Junction, P.O. Box 27693, Albuquerque, NM 87125-7693.

Wesley Lee "Tuffy" Parker

Graveside services for Wesley Lee "Tuffy" Parker, 87, of Ringling, Okla., were Feb. 19, 2009 at the Ringling Memorial Cemetery Pavilion with Rev. Nick Ellis and Ronnie Harbour officiating.

Mr. Parker was born June 20, 1921 west of Center Point, near Ringling, to the late Wesley Lee and Lena (Acox) Parker. He died Feb. 16, 2009 at Healdton, Okla. He was raised in this area and attended school at Cornish until the fourth grade, then attended school at Ringling and shortly after Center Point where he graduated from the eighth grade. He attended Chilocco Indian School.

He was a descendant of original enrollee Wilson Lee Parker and Thomas J. Parker - one of the first Governors of the Chickasaw Nation.

He married Madoline "Salty" Johnson on June 22, 1941 in Quartsite, Ariz. She preceded in him in death on March 8, 1975. He later married Naomi Ruth Cooper on Feb. 9, 1976. She preceded in him death on Sept. 28, 2006.

Mr. Parker was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving honorably during World War II as part of the Seabees division. He worked for Petco Oil Tools for many years until his retirement. He was a friend to many and cherished visiting and spending time with his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Evelyn Bennett; a brother, Billy Dale Parker; and a great-granddaughter, Brooke Nicole Shores.

He is survived by a daughter, Lynda Tipps and husband, Bill, of Ringling; a son, Larry Parker, of Ringling; grandchildren, Kaye Tripp, Stacy Shores, Billy Parker, Kristy Tipps and Jodi Morgan; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, whom he loved very much; and nieces, nephews and friends.

Pallbearers were Mike Gandy, Red McCauley, Mark Shores, Chase Shores, Terry Snell, Waylon Shore and Zane Shores. Honorary bearers were Cartez Allen, Ray Hicks, Leroy Minyard, Dale Gore, Jerry Gandy, Terry Gandy, Larry Armstrong, Hubert Harris, Mike Smith and all the "Petco Crew".

Mr. Parker left a beautiful legacy of love and laughter, and wonderful memories for his family and many friends.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.alexanderfuneralhome.org

Billy Gene Whitfield

Billy Gene Whitfield, 80, of Comanche, Okla., died Dec. 31, 2008 in the Comanche County Memorial Hospital at Lawton, Okla. He born at Ardmore, Okla., Oct. 21, 1928.

A graveside service was conducted at Fairlawn Cemetery, Comanche, Okla. Jack Whitfield conducted the committal service and Stephaine (Franks) Pelton sang "Amazing Grace."

At an early age the family moved to the Waurika, Okla., area on a farm allotted by the government. He attended school at Addington, Okla.

Early in his life, he and one of his older brothers, Jack, played together, went to school together and hunted together so much, that people who knew them started calling him "Little Beaver" after a young boy in the cowboy movies and called Jack "Chief."

Bill was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in Germany during the early occupation of that country. When he was discharged he moved to Comanche, to live and start a family.

In 1951 he decided to move to California with Jack and his family. Hearing that jobs were plentiful and money grew on trees, upon arriving to that area, he found it wasn't true.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alphaeus LaRoyal Whitfield; and his mother Alice Jane (Lavers) Whitfield who was an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation. She was also from the tribal lineage of Edmund Pickens, the first Chickasaw Chief.

He is survived by four sons, Billy Carl, Clifton Dale, Daniel Wayne and Paul Bennett; three daughters, Deborah Louise Pope, Linda Joyce Rose and her husband Dennis, and Sandra Juliet Whitfield; two brothers, Marion, of Comanche and Jack, of Loco, Okla.; one sister, Gwendolyn Leahy of Sacramento, Calif.; many grandsons and granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews.

The family are very grateful for all the help received during this painful and stressful time. God saw all those things you did and He has put another star in your crown that is awaiting you. Thank you one and all from our family to yours.

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Program grants has been released. The matching requirement is 50% of the total $200,000 in allowable costs of the project. The grant would provide funding for lighting upgrades including energy efficient light bulbs, lower wattage ballasts and new lighting fixtures in order to improve energy efficiency and realize cost savings for the tribe. The cost savings for the first year will cover the cost of the match. These improvements will be made in tribally-owned buildings within the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce.

Chairperson Briggs noted a correction to the agenda and asked for the motion to approve GR26-029 also include correcting the agenda.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve GR26-029 and correct the agenda.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-029 and to correct the agenda carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number GR26-030 Application for the Indian Highway Safety Program Grant

The fiscal year 2010 cycle of Indian Highway Safety Program grants has been released. An award in the amount of $250,000 is available without any matching requirement. The grant would provide funding for the equipment, training and software needed for the LPD to increase its capacity to provide enforcement of impaired driving, occupant protection and speeding violations as well as participation in other highway safety initiatives such as the national law enforcement mobilizations, an annual safety belt survey and the development of an automated traffic record data collection.

Chairperson Briggs asked for the motion to approve GR26-030 to also include correction of the agenda.

A motion was made by Ms. Barker and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR26-030 and to correct the agenda.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-030 and to correct the agenda carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-031, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC (Bill Lance)

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Bill Lance to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, to fill an unexpired term of office ending on March 1, 2011. A vacancy was created by the resignation of David Hatton. Mr. Lance's resume has been provided to the Legislature.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve GR26-031.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-031 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 26-004, Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 4 Section 8-418 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Certification of Election Returns) (Tabled in Session 3/20/09)

This resolution amends two sections in Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar shall declare the unofficial preliminary election results on the correct day and month and the mail-out date is defined correctly.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to bring PR26-004 from the table.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to bring PR26-004 from the table carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Green to approve PR26-004.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

Member voting no:

David Woerz

1 no vote

The motion to approve PR26-004 carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Citizens making comments were Mr. Mike Watson, Mr. Jerry Imotichey, Ms. Juanita Tate, and Ms. Wilma Watson.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

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increase overall profits for the hotel, RV park and all existing and any future Chickasaw Nation support amenities. The development will provide a positive economic impact for the entire local area and the citizens therein.

Presented by: Finance Committee, Holly Easterling, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods

No votes: Beth Alexander

General Resolution Number 26-039

Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for the U.S. Indian Health Service Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) 6 Grant

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) to apply for an IHS-NARCH grant. The Chickasaw Nation Health System along with the Cherokee, Choctaw and Creek Nations would partner with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) to conduct tribally driven research projects, and develop the capacity of student and faculty researchers. Since, 2000, the Chickasaw Nation has had a successful and ongoing relationship with OUHSC and the other tribes through past NARCH grants

Award Information: The grant award amount is up to $800,000 for the total partnership up to four years.

Methods: The CNHS would approve prospective research projects through the tribal Institutional Review Board, and collaborate with OUHSC and other tribes to facilitate and complete such projects. The Cherokee Nation will submit the grant for this NARCH cycle. CNHS will obtain funds through a subcontract with the Cherokee Nation.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee, Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods

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